



INFLUENZA WATCH

Los Angeles County

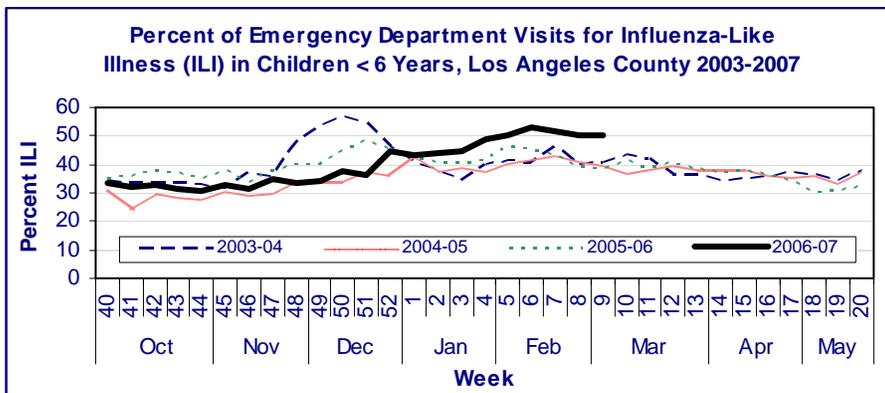
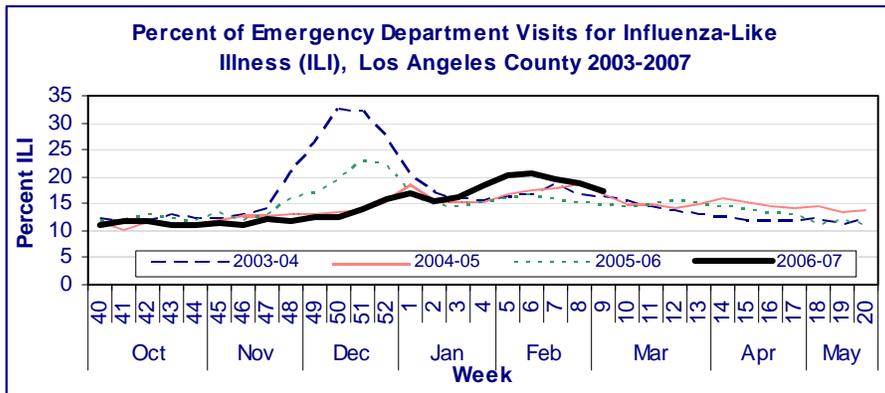
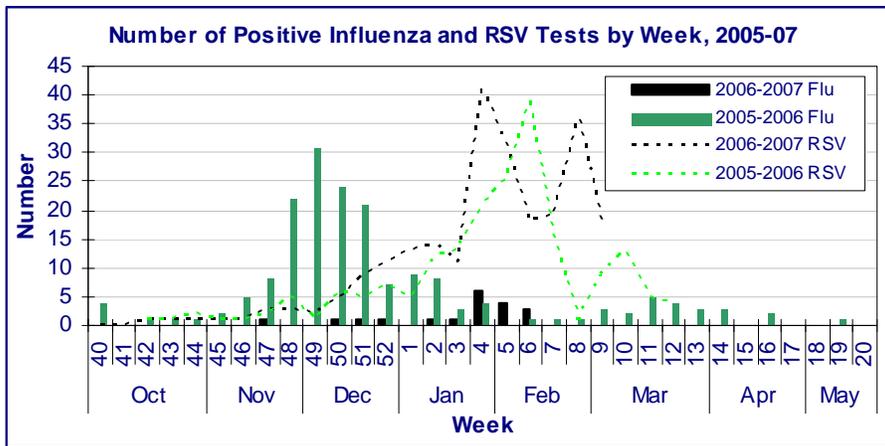
<http://lapublichealth.org/acd/flu.htm>

SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM*	Week 9	To Date
Positive Influenza Tests±	0	19
Positive RSV Tests±	18	239
Hospitalized Influenza Cases±	0	8
Severe Pediatric Influenza Cases	1 (0) [†]	16 (1) [†]
Influenza Vaccines Administered (PH)	--	113,932

*See <http://lapublichealth.org/acd/flu.htm> for a description of surveillance methods.

[†]The number of deaths is indicated by the parenthesis.

±Sentinel sites (5-7 participating facilities).



Important Information

- Influenza like illness (ILI) is still above baseline in Los Angeles County
- Late season influenza peaks are not uncommon
- RSV decreased from 36 cases to 18 cases from week 8 to week 9

Announcements

- IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO VACCINATE YOUR PATIENTS, INCLUDING CHILDREN WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED TWO DOSES!
- CONSIDER INFLUENZA IN YOUR PATIENTS WITH FEVER AND/OR RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS.

In the News

New Study Shows that Vaccinating Children Two Years and Older Cuts Their Rate of Infection by Half

Full vaccination (2 doses) provided protection against laboratory confirmed influenza among children aged 6 to 59 months during a season with suboptimal vaccine match. No vaccine effectiveness was identified with partial vaccination among children aged 6 to 23 months, affirming that children need to be fully vaccinated to obtain protective effects.

For additional information, visit: <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/content/full/119/3/E587I>

Influenza Activity: CA & USA

California: Inpatient ILI data in Southern California decreased in Week 8 (2/18-2/24/07). Statewide, outpatient ILI decreased slightly and influenza activity remained regional.

United States: Influenza activity remained elevated during week 8. Regional or widespread activity increased from 38 states in week 7 to 44 states in week 8.

For more information see the CA influenza report: www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/VRDL/html/FLU/Fluintro.htm