Important Information

• Fewer cases of influenza have been reported in Los Angeles County to date compared to last year.
• Influenza-like illness is above baseline levels.
• RSV is increasing in Los Angeles County.

Announcements

• IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO VACCINATE YOUR PATIENTS!

For more information visit: http://lapublichealth.org/ip/

• NEW JCAHO STANDARD
Requires accredited organizations to provide influenza vaccine to staff (effective as of January 1, 2007).

In the News

Tamiflu Dosage Correction:
Roche has issued a correction to a Tamiflu (oseltamivir) dosing chart in a "dear healthcare professional letter" dated November 13, 2006. In a new letter, dated December 26, 2006, it was noted that the original letter contained a mistake in the dosing chart. Under the "Recommended Dose for 10 days" column, the dosing frequency was listed as twice daily, when it should be once daily.


Influenza Activity: CA & USA
From 12/24-12/30/06 (week 52), influenza activity increased in the United States. Outpatient influenza-like illness (ILI) was above baseline for the third consecutive week.

Influenza activity in California during this week was low and sporadic (sporadically occurring ILI or laboratory-confirmed influenza with no outbreaks detected).

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

SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM*

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<td>Positive RSV Tests±</td>
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<td>Influenza Vaccines Administered (PH)</td>
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†The number of deaths is indicated by the parenthesis.
‡Sentinel sites (5-7 participating facilities).

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