



INFLUENZA WATCH

Los Angeles County

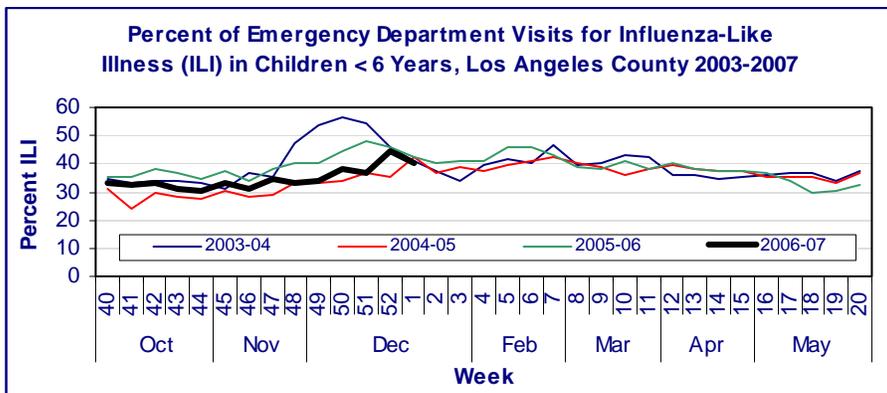
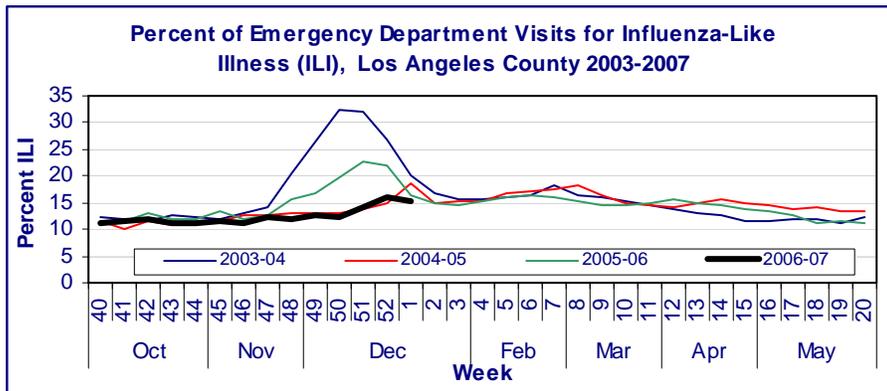
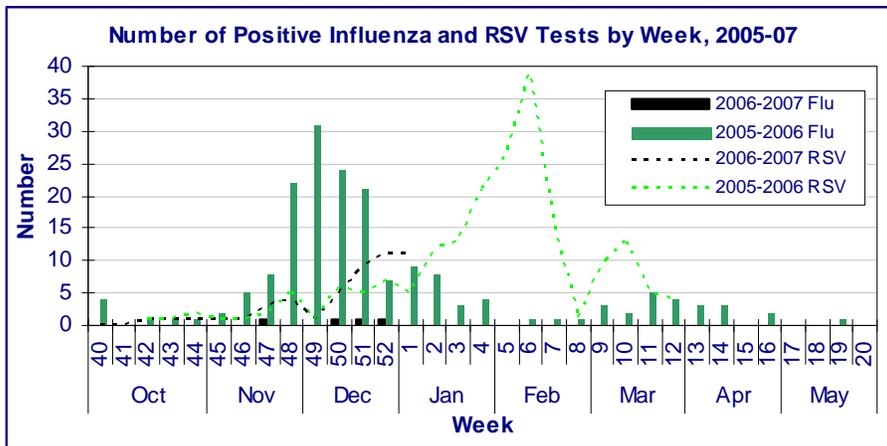
<http://lapublichealth.org/acd/flu.htm>

SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM*	Week 1	To Date
Positive Influenza Tests±	0	4
Positive RSV Tests±	11	49
Hospitalized Adult Influenza Cases±	0	1
Severe Pediatric Influenza Cases	0 (0) [†]	2 (0) [†]
Influenza Vaccines Administered (PH)	--	91,525

*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

- 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.**

For more information:

<http://www.rocheusa.com/products/tamiflu/Doc torLetter-1206.pdf>

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/FLU/Fluintro.htm