



INFLUENZA WATCH

Los Angeles County

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

SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM*	Week 7	To Date
Positive Influenza Tests±	0	19
Positive RSV Tests±	19	185
Hospitalized Influenza Cases±	0	6
Severe Pediatric Influenza Cases	0 (0) [†]	10 (1) [†]
Influenza Vaccines Administered (PH)	--	110,889

*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 and RSV activity has stabilized in Los Angeles County.
- Influenza-like illness remains above baseline.

Announcements

- **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO VACCINATE YOUR PATIENTS!**
For more information and CME credit: <http://lapublichealth.org/ip/>
- **CONSIDER INFLUENZA IN PATIENTS WITH FEVER AND/OR RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS.**

In the News

Live Attenuated Vaccine May Be Safe and Effective in Children

Researchers found that among young children, live attenuated influenza vaccine had significantly better efficacy than inactivated vaccine. After risk and benefit analysis, researchers suggest that live attenuated vaccine should be a highly effective, safe vaccine for children 12 to 59 months of age (with no history of asthma or wheezing).

(*N Engl J Med.* 2007; 356: 685-696)

For additional information, visit:

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/552258?src=mp>

Influenza Activity: CA & USA

California: Outpatient and inpatient ILI data continued to increase during Week 6 (2/4-2/10/07). Influenza activity remained regional.

United States: Influenza activity continued to increase during week 6. Regional or widespread activity increased from 28 states in week 5 to 33 states in week 6.

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

