**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/E587](http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/content/full/119/3/E587)

**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 9.

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

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**SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM**

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**Influenza Vaccines Administered (PH)**

- 113,932

*See [http://lapublichealth.org/acd/flu.htm](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).

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**Number of Positive Influenza and RSV Tests by Week, 2005-07**

**Percent of Emergency Department Visits for Influenza-Like Illness (ILI), Los Angeles County 2003-2007**

**Percent of Emergency Department Visits for Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) in Children < 6 Years, Los Angeles County 2003-2007**

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