



# INFLUENZA WATCH

Los Angeles County

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

SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM*	Week 10	To Date
Positive Influenza Tests±	1	21
Positive RSV Tests±	11	251
Hospitalized Influenza Cases±	1	10
Severe Pediatric Influenza Cases	0 (0) <sup>†</sup>	18 (1) <sup>†</sup>
Influenza Vaccines Administered (PH)	--	113,932

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

<sup>†</sup>The number of deaths is indicated by the parenthesis.

±Sentinel sites (5-7 participating facilities).

## Important Information

- ILI and RSV continue to decrease in LA County.
- Influenza Watch will now be issued every other week.

## Announcements

- IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO VACCINATE YOUR PATIENTS, INCLUDING CHILDREN WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED TWO DOSES!

## In the News

### Intervention Increases Influenza Vaccination in Long-Term Care Workers

An educational campaign and a "Vaccine Day" targeting health care workers at long-term care facilities can improve influenza vaccination rates, according to a new study in the American Journal of Public Health (April 2007).

For additional information, visit:

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eBkbnON4vMR0F8OOIPt70E>

**BEGINNING JULY 1, 2007, A NEW LAW WILL REQUIRE HOSPITALS TO OFFER FREE VACCINE TO EMPLOYEES. EMPLOYEES MUST GET VACCINATED OR SIGN A WAIVER OF DECLINATION.**

For more information visit:

[http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/izgroup/shared/hospital\\_influenza\\_law.htm](http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/izgroup/shared/hospital_influenza_law.htm)

## Influenza Activity: CA & USA

**California:** Inpatient ILI data in Southern California decreased in Week 9 (3/4-3/10/07). Statewide, outpatient ILI also decreased and influenza activity remained regional.

**United States:** Influenza activity decreased slightly during week 9. Regional or widespread activity decreased from 44 states in week 8 to 41 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)

