Influenza Watch
Los Angeles County
http://lapublichealth.org/acd/flu.htm

Important Information

• RSV increased in LA County during the previous week.

• Influenza activity remains low - continue to vaccinate your patients.

• ILI activity in all ages is increasing.

In the News

Evidence for Heritable Predisposition to Death Due to Influenza
Evidence for a heritable contribution to death due to influenza was examined using a resource consisting of a genealogy of the Utah population linked to death certificates in Utah over a period of 100 years. Both close and distant relatives of individuals who died of influenza were shown to have an increased risk of dying of influenza, consistent with a combination of shared exposure and genetic effects (JID 2008:197 [1 January]).

For free access to the article visit: http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/pdf/10.1086/524064

Influenza Activity: CA & USA

California: During week 51 (December 16–22, 2007), influenza activity in California remained sporadic, with activity in Northern California higher than Southern California. Outpatient activity and hospitalizations for ILI remained low, as did laboratory detections.

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

Become a CA Influenza Sentinel Provider:
Contact Melissa Dahlke at flu@cdph.ca.gov or visit: www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/VRDL/html/FLU/Flu-sentinel.htm

United States: Influenza activity continued to increase in the United States during week 52. The Mountain, Pacific (includes CA), and West South Central regions reported ILI above their region-specific baselines.

For more information see the national influenza report: http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivity.htm

SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

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<td>Positive Influenza Tests</td>
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<td>Positive RSV Tests</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>Severe Pediatric Influenza Cases</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).