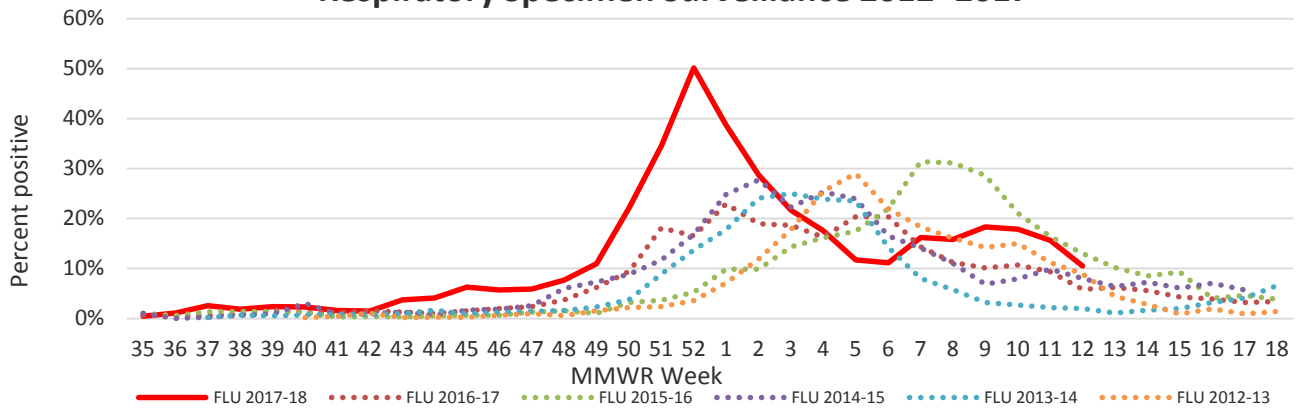


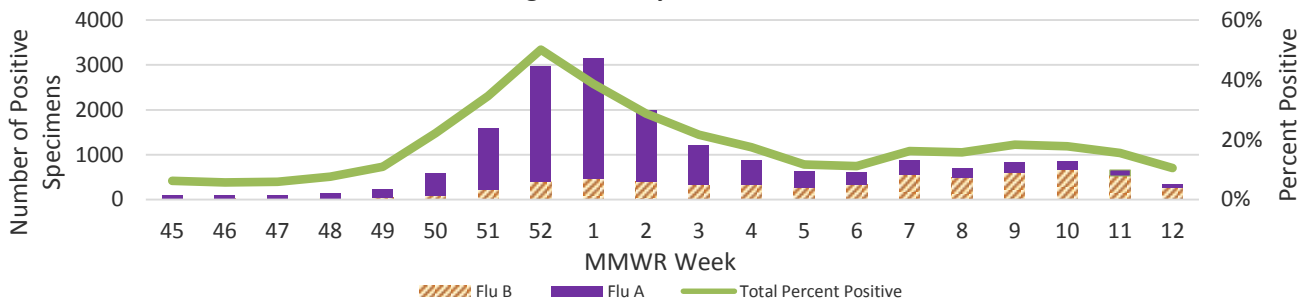
Flu activity continues to decline, Health Officer Order extended to April 15th

- During surveillance week 12, ending on March 24th, 10.5% of respiratory specimens tested at our surveillance laboratories were positive for flu. Of the specimen testing positive for flu in week 12, 77% were positive for flu B. Overall, flu indicators are showing a decline in flu activity in Los Angeles County.
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has extended a [Health Officer Order](#) that requires health care workers at acute/subacute care facilities to either get vaccinated against influenza or wear a face mask while in patient care areas through [April 15th](#).

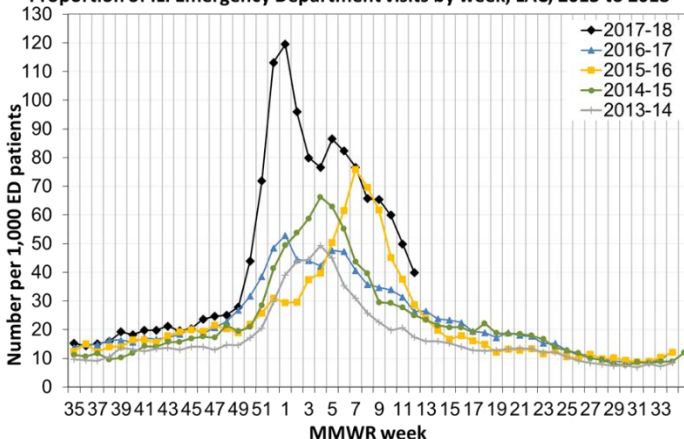
Respiratory Specimen Surveillance 2012- 2017



Influenza Positive Tests from Sentinel Laboratories Los Angeles County, 2017-18 Season



Proportion of ILI Emergency Department visits by week, LAC, 2013 to 2018



Los Angeles County Influenza Surveillance Summary

	2017-2018		2016-2017	
	12*	YTD [†]	Week 12	YTD
Percent Positive Flu Tests	17.70	20.5	10.7	11.2
Percent Flu A/B	22/78	75/25	74/26	97/3
Pediatric Flu Deaths‡		2		1
Adult Flu Deaths		226		75

*For the 2017-2018 season, week 12 starts 3/18/2018 and ends 3/24/2018.

†The influenza surveillance year started August 27, 2017.

‡Confirmed influenza death is defined by a positive lab test, ILI symptoms, and clear progression from illness to death.