



Influenza Watch

Los Angeles County

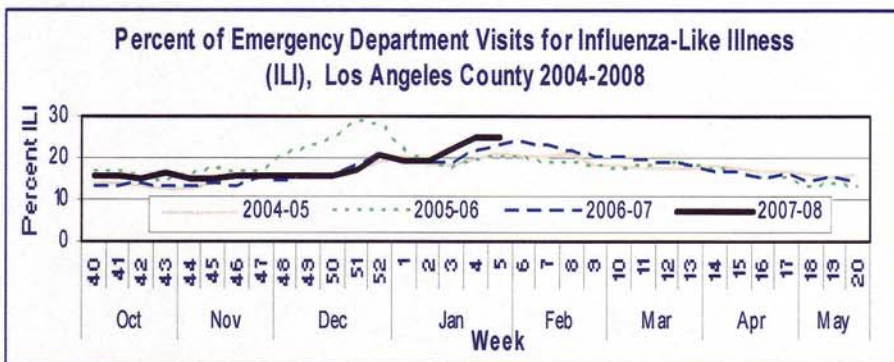
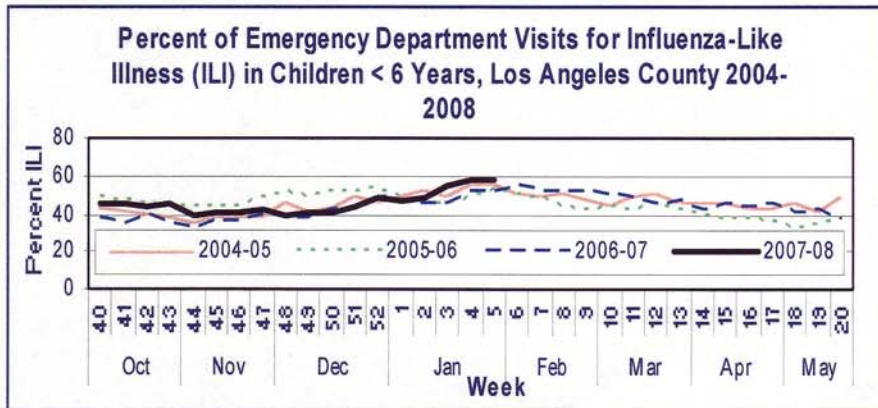
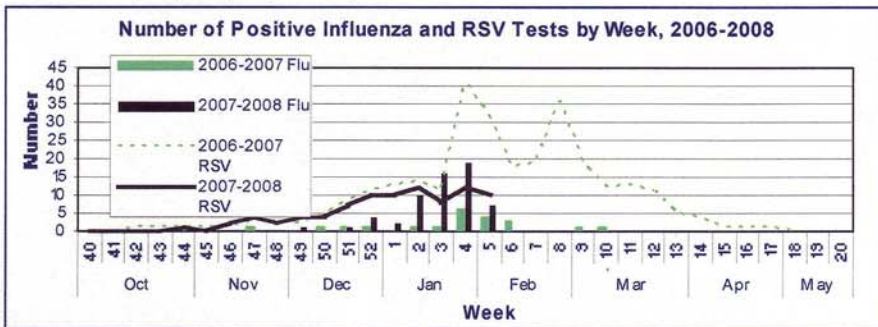
<http://lapublichealth.org/acd/flu.htm>

SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM*	Week 5	To Date
Positive Influenza Tests‡	7	60
Positive RSV Tests‡	10	86
Severe Pediatric Influenza Cases	3 (0)†	14 (0)†
Influenza Vaccines Administered by Public Health	--	105,564

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

†The number of deaths is indicated by the parenthesis. Includes a case from week 2

‡Sentinel sites (5-7 participating facilities).



Important Information

• For the third week, all markers of influenza activity (laboratory, reported cases, ER visits) increased in Los Angeles

• Three times as many flu isolates have been recorded this year versus all of last year.

In the News

A strain of influenza A resistant to oseltamivir (Tamiflu) has been identified in Europe.

http://www.eurosurveillance.org/edition/v13n05/080131_1.asp

The CDC reported an increase of pediatric influenza deaths with MRSA secondary pneumonias. Patients with influenza should be evaluated for secondary bacterial infections.

<http://www2a.cdc.gov/HAN/ArchiveSys/ViewMsgV.asp?AlertNum=00268>

Influenza Activity: CA & USA

California: During week 4 (1/20/08-1/26/08), influenza activity in California was **Regional**. ILI admissions increased in Northern and Southern California and so prescriptions for antivirals. For more information see the CA influenza report: www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/VRDL/html/FLU/Fluintro.htm

United States: The level of influenza activity increased throughout the US during week 4 (1/20/08-1/26/08). 11 states reported widespread influenza.

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