



# INFLUENZA WATCH

Los Angeles County

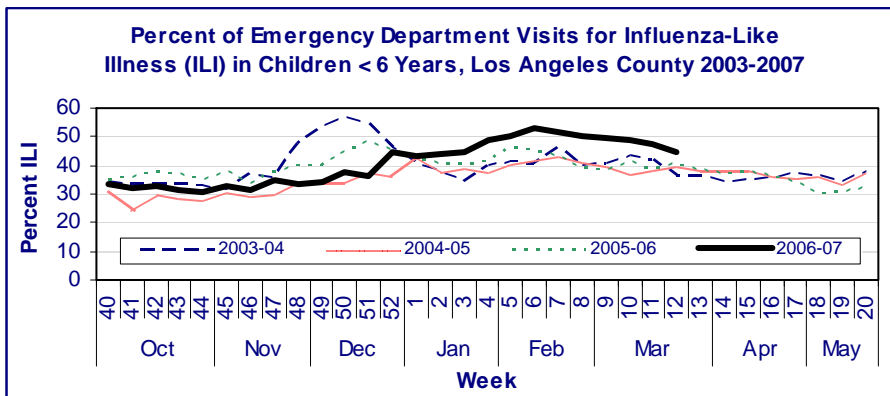
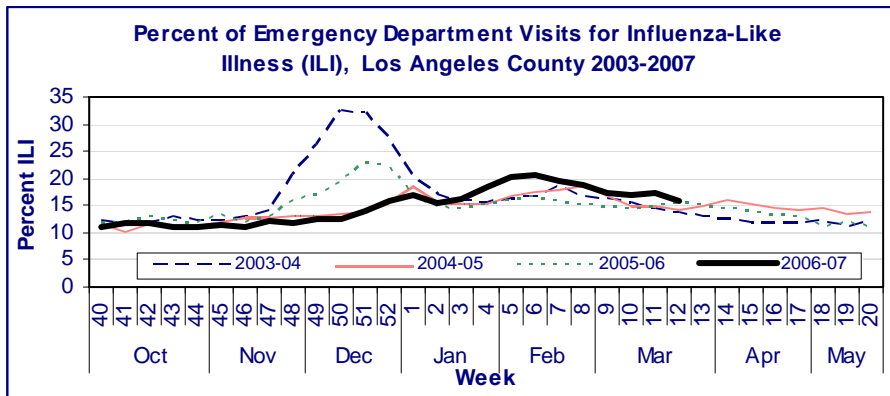
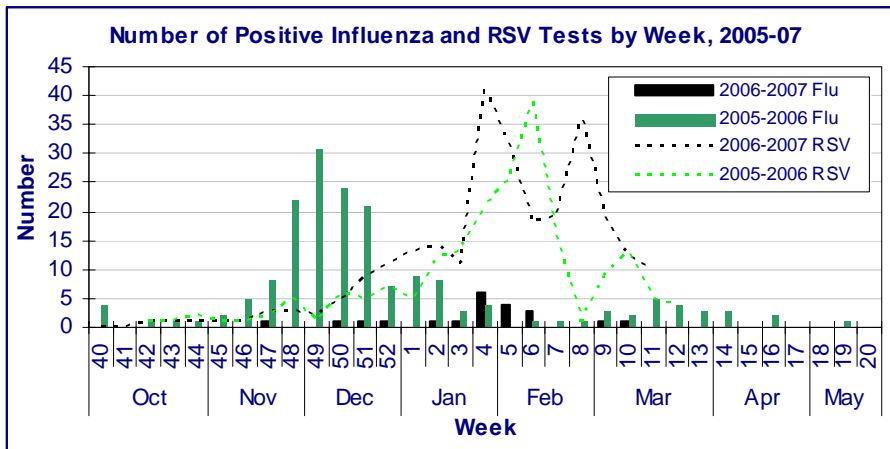
<http://lapublichealth.org/acd/flu.htm>

SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM*	Weeks 11-12	To Date
Positive Influenza Tests±	0	21
Positive RSV Tests±	10	262
Hospitalized Influenza Cases±	0	11
Severe Pediatric Influenza Cases	4 (0) <sup>†</sup>	23 (1) <sup>†</sup>
Influenza Vaccines Administered (PH)	--	115,665

\*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

- Cases of severe pediatric influenza continue to be reported in LA County.
- ILI and RSV continue to decrease in LA County.

## Announcements

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

## In the News

### Pediatric Flu Vaccine Works Despite Strain Mismatch

Vaccination still provides a considerable degree of protection in many young children, even if not well matched to circulating influenza strains, according to a report in the March issue of Pediatrics.

For additional information, visit:

<http://mp.medscape.com/cgi-bin/1/DM/y/eBLA10FSBFk0D1R0IRNw0EU>

### Influenza Vaccine Coverage Low in Pediatric Asthma Patients

This report provides the first national estimate of influenza vaccination coverage in asthmatic children. Although children with asthma were more likely to receive influenza vaccination, the vaccination coverage rate among children with asthma was low (29%).

For more information visit:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5609a2.htm>

## Influenza Activity: CA & USA

**California:** During Week 11 (March 11 – 17, 2007), overall influenza activity declined compared to previous weeks and influenza activity in California was downgraded to local.

**United States:** Influenza activity continued to decrease in the United States. The reporting of widespread or regional influenza activity decreased from 42 to 37 from week 10 to 11.

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)