



# INFLUENZA WATCH

Los Angeles County

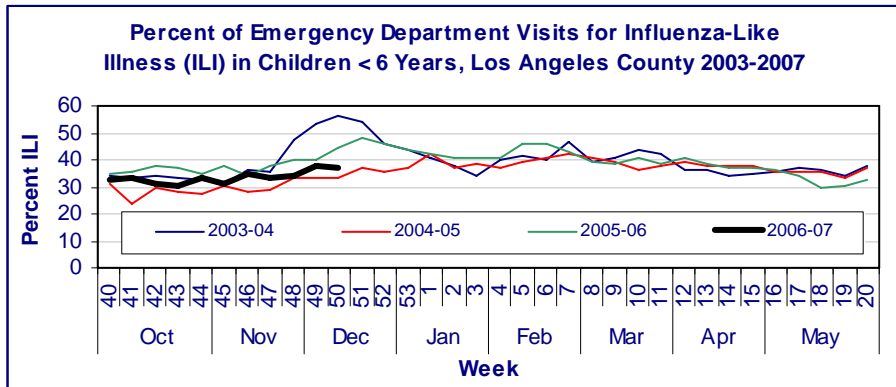
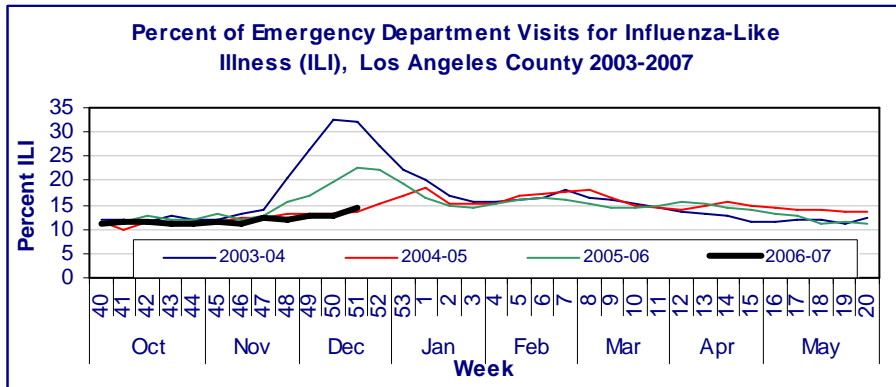
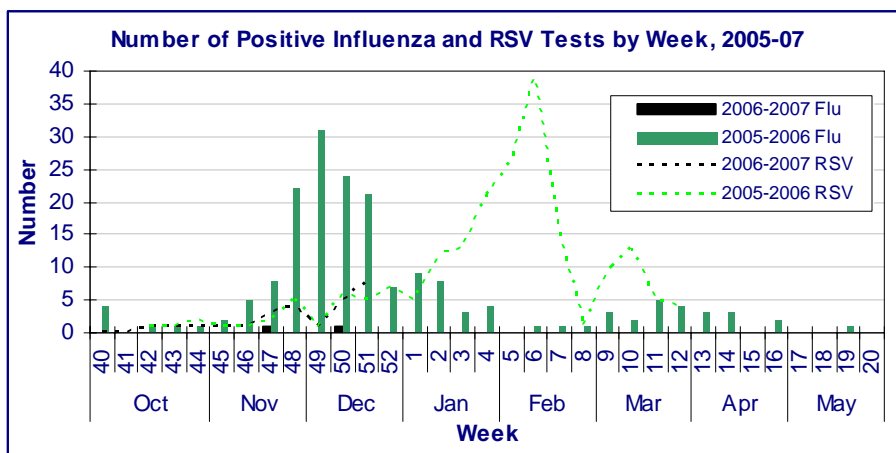
<http://lapublichealth.org/acd/flu.htm>

SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM*	Week 51	To Date
Positive Influenza Tests±	0	2
Positive RSV Tests±	8	26
Hospitalized Adult Influenza Cases±	1	1
Severe Pediatric Influenza Cases	0 (0) <sup>†</sup>	1 (0) <sup>†</sup>
Influenza Vaccines Administered (PH)	--	83,734

\*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

- Fewer cases of influenza have been reported in Los Angeles County to date compared to last year.
- Influenza-like illness is at baseline, pre-influenza season levels.
- RSV remains at the same level as last year.

## Announcements

- **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO VACCINATE YOUR PATIENTS!**

For more information visit:

<http://lapublichealth.org/ip/>

- **A new study suggests that vaccinating children protects households against influenza.**

<http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/full/355/24/2523?query=TOC>

## In the News

### Oseltamivir (Tamiflu®) Warning:

The FDA has updated the oseltamivir label to include precautions about neuropsychiatric events. People with influenza, particularly children, may be at increased risk of self-injury and confusion shortly after taking Tamiflu® and should be closely monitored for signs of unusual behavior. For more info:

[http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/safety/2006/Tamiflu\\_dhcp\\_letter.pdf](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/safety/2006/Tamiflu_dhcp_letter.pdf)

## Influenza Activity: CA & USA

From 12/10-12/16/06 (week 50), influenza activity remained low in both California and nation-wide. In the United States, the proportion of patient visits to sentinel providers for influenza-like illness (ILI) and the proportion of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza were below baseline levels.

Influenza activity in California during this week was **sporadic** (sporadically occurring ILI or laboratory-confirmed influenza with no outbreaks detected).

For more information see the weekly 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)