



# Influenza Watch

Los Angeles County

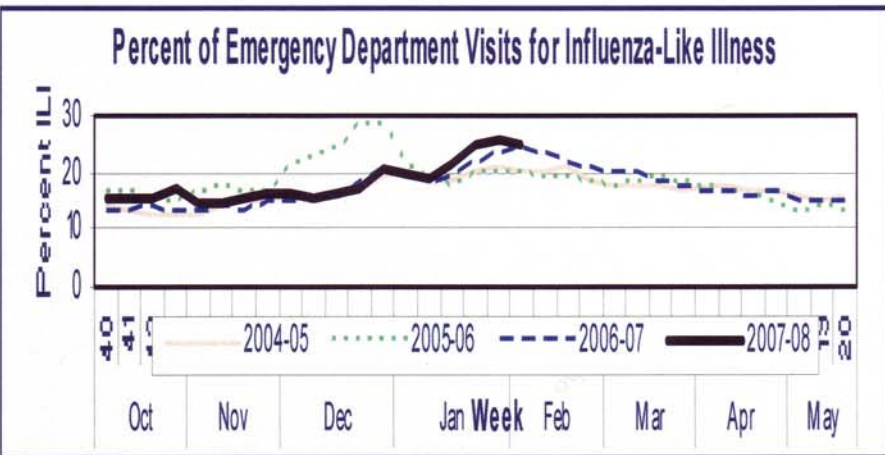
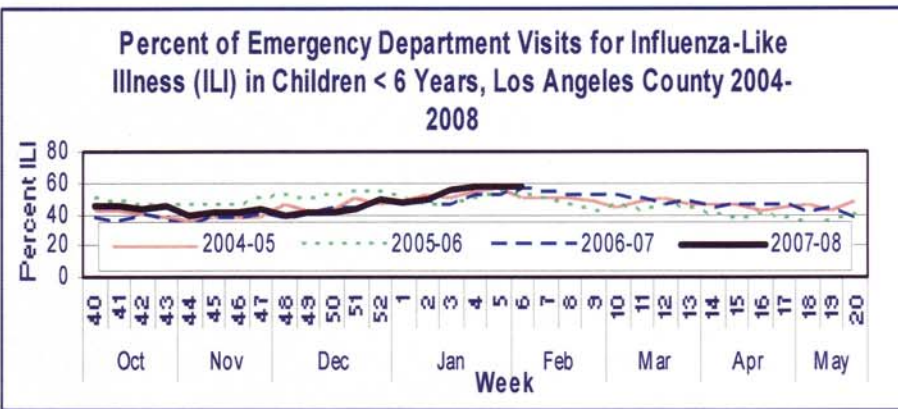
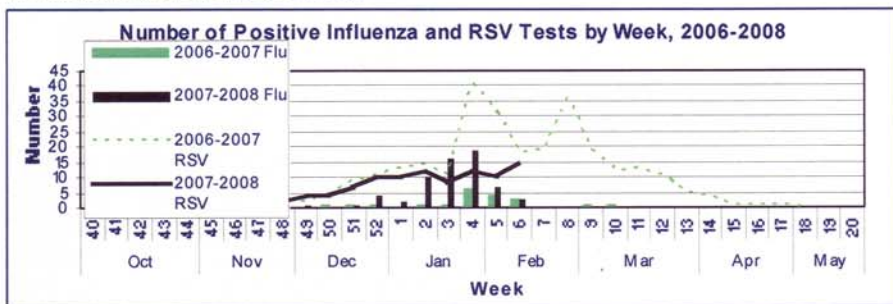
<http://lapublichealth.org/acd/flu.htm>

SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM*	Week 6	To Date
Positive Influenza Tests‡	3	63
Positive RSV Tests‡	15	103
Severe Pediatric Influenza Cases	1 (0)†	15 (0)†
Influenza Vaccines Administered by Public Health	--	106,869

\*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

- Several outbreaks of ILI have been reported in schools and nursing homes
- Otherwise, reports of influenza and influenza-like illness have stabilized
- Ensure that nursing home residents (and staff) are immunized

## In the News

- Slightly >50% of the current circulating influenza strains are covered by the 2007-2008 vaccine
- Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) resistance has been reported in the United States but no resistance has been reported to zanamivir (Relenza)

## For more information

<http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/t/ranscripts/2008/t080208.htm>

## Influenza Activity: CA & USA

**California:** During week 5 (1/27/08-2/2/08), influenza activity in California was **Regional**. ILI admissions and prescriptions for antivirals increased in Northern and Southern California. For more information see the CA influenza report: [www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/YRDL/html/FLU/Fluintro.htm](http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/YRDL/html/FLU/Fluintro.htm)

**United States:** The level of influenza activity increased throughout the US during week 5 (1/27/08-2/2/08). 31 states reported widespread influenza.

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