



INFLUENZA WATCH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Los Angeles County (LAC) Respiratory activity, including influenza and RSV, either decreased slightly or stayed the same during week 11. While influenza A remains predominant (83%) for the entire respiratory season, influenza B activity, similar to past years, has increased late in the season. During the past week, 55% of the isolates were influenza B. A total of 7 viral respiratory outbreaks have been reported in community and healthcare settings including RSV, Influenza, and Adenovirus.

Table 1: Surveillance System Overview

SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM*	Week 11	2008-2009 YTD
Percent Positive Influenza Tests [‡]	8.8	5.1
Percent Positive RSV Tests [‡]	11.2	18.4
Percent Flu A / Flu B [‡]	45 / 55	84 / 16
Severe Pediatric Influenza Cases [†]	0	5 (0)
Respiratory Outbreaks	0	7
Influenza Vaccines Administered (PH)	--	62,058

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

± Sentinel sites (9 participating facilities).

‡ Sentinel sites (4 participating facilities).

†The number of deaths is indicated by the parenthesis.

California

During week 10 (March 8-March 14) influenza activity in California remained **regional** based on data from Northern and Southern California. Antiviral prescriptions continued to decrease throughout California.

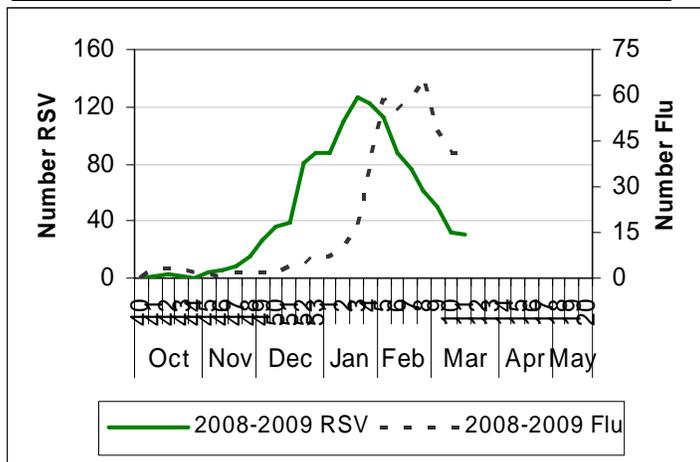
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/PROGRAMS/VRDL/Pages/CaliforniaInfluenzaSurveillanceProject.aspx>

United States

Nationally, influenza activity decreased during week 10. During this week, 30 states reported **widespread** activity, 18 states reported **regional** activity, and 2 states reported **local** activity. Influenza activity is lower compared to the same week last year when 42 states reported widespread activity.

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivity.htm>

Figure 1: Positive Influenza and RSV Tests by Week



RSV data in Figure 1 represent testing completed in four reporting facilities for the 2008-2009 season. Influenza data represent testing completed in nine facilities.

Figure 2: Percent of ED Visits for ILI by Week

