



INFLUENZA WATCH

Los Angeles County

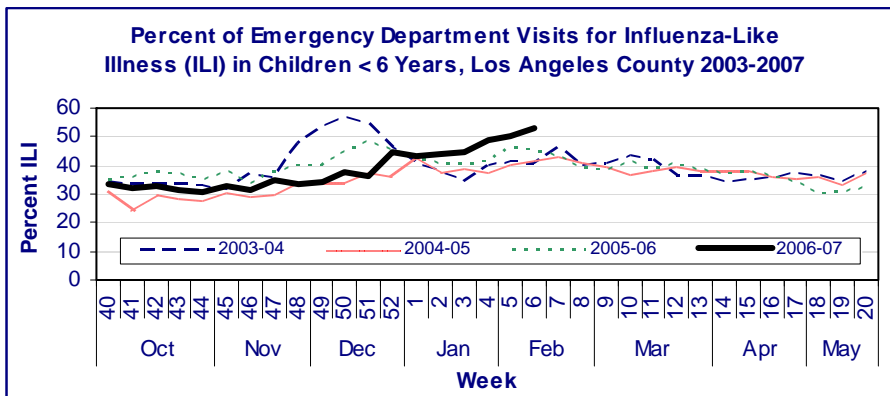
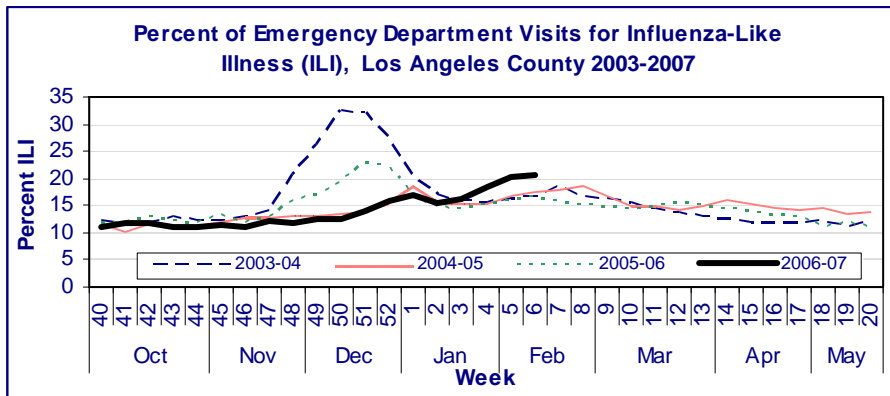
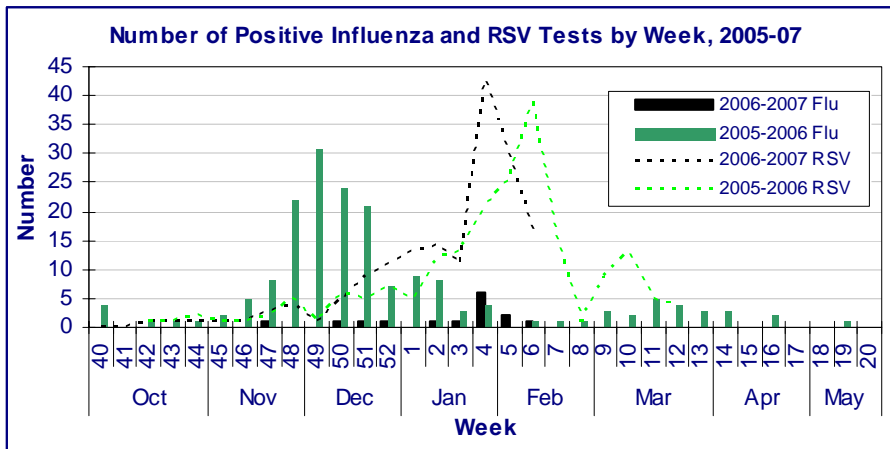
<http://lapublichealth.org/acd/flu.htm>

SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM*	Week 6	To Date
Positive Influenza Tests±	1	15
Positive RSV Tests±	17	165
Hospitalized Influenza Cases±	1	6
Severe Pediatric Influenza Cases	1 (0) [†]	8 (0) [†]
Influenza Vaccines Administered (PH)	--	108,630

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

[†]The number of deaths is indicated by the parenthesis.

±Sentinel sites (5-7 participating facilities).



Important Information

- Influenza-like illness is increasing, particularly in children.
- Influenza has been confirmed in 2 Skilled Nursing Facility outbreaks.
- RSV activity is decreasing.

Announcements

- CONSIDER INFLUENZA IN PATIENTS WITH FEVER AND/OR RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS.
- IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO VACCINATE YOUR PATIENTS!

For additional information, visit: <http://lapublichealth.org/ip/>

In the News

Accuracy of Influenza Rapid Tests in Children Varies with Prevalence
 A new study suggests that the usefulness of influenza rapid tests in children depends on local influenza prevalence. Rapid tests appear to be less effective when the prevalence is less than 10%. (*Pediatrics* 2007; 119:e6-e11).

For additional information, visit: <http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/551647?src=mp>

Influenza Activity: CA & USA

California: Outpatient and inpatient ILI data continued to increase during Week 5 (1/28-2/3/07). Influenza activity remained regional.

United States: Influenza activity increased during week 5. Regional or widespread activity was reported in 28 states.

For more information see the CA influenza report: www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dc/dc/VRDL/html/FLU/Fluintro.htm