



Influenza Watch

Los Angeles County

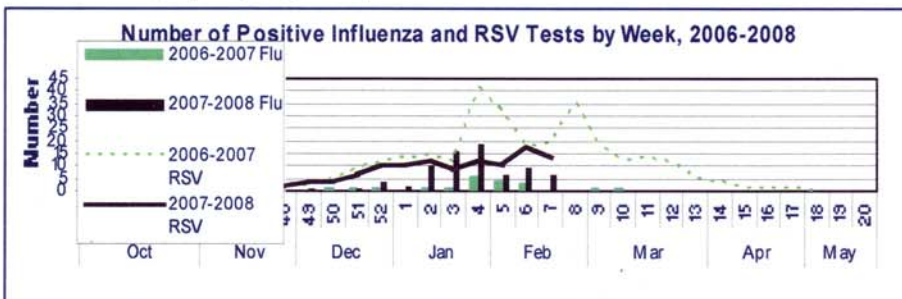
<http://lapublichealth.org/acd/flu.htm>

SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM*	Week 7	To Date
Positive Influenza Tests±	7	76
Positive RSV Tests±	13	119
Severe Pediatric Influenza Cases	0 (0)†	17 (0)†
Influenza Vaccines Administered by Public Health	--	108,153

*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

- ILI activity continues to be high in Los Angeles County.
- Several children with viral respiratory illness have been diagnosed with secondary bacterial (MRSA) pneumonia-remember to check for bacterial infections in ill patients

In the News

- In the US, >50% of the circulating influenza isolates are not covered by the current vaccine

(http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm57e215a1.htm?s_cid=mm57e215a1_e)

- The WHO recommendation for the 2008-2009 vaccine include the new circulating strains

(http://www.who.int/csr/disease/influenza/recommendations2008_9north/en/index.html)

Influenza Activity: CA & USA

California: During week 6 (2/10/08-2/16/08), influenza activity in California was **widespread**. 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/VRDL/html/FLU/Fluintro.htm

United States: The level of influenza activity increased throughout the US during week 6 (2/10/08-2/16/08). 44 states reported **widespread** influenza.

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