



Influenza Watch

Los Angeles County

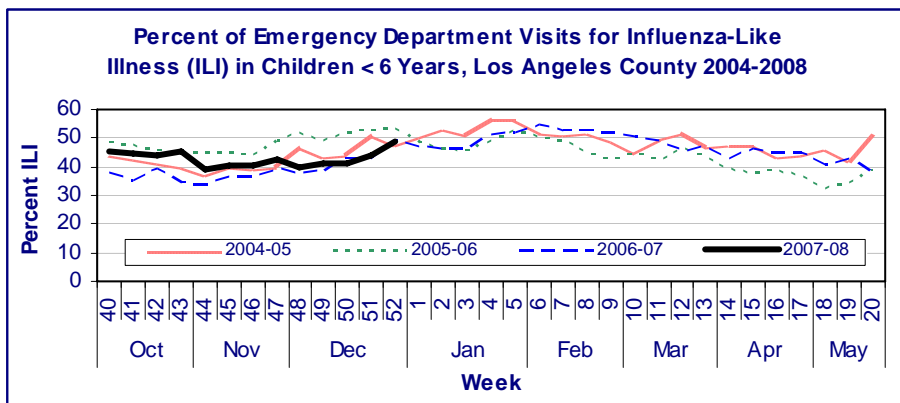
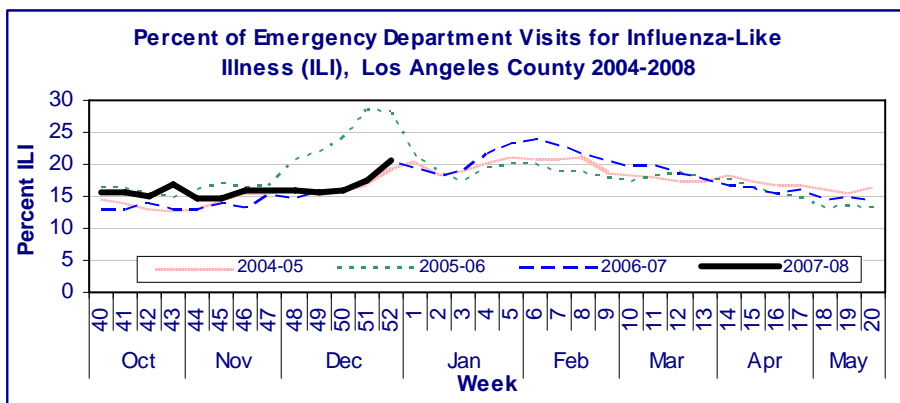
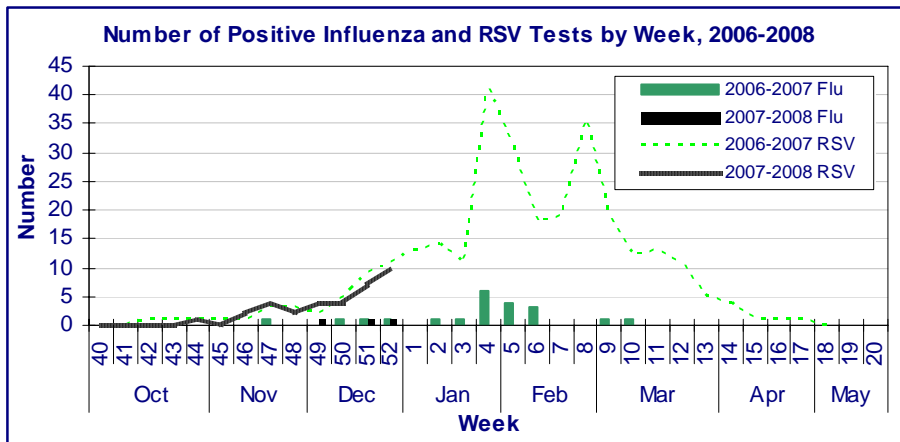
<http://lapublichealth.org/acd/flu.htm>

SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM*	Week 52	To Date
Positive Influenza Tests±	1	3
Positive RSV Tests±	10	34
Severe Pediatric Influenza Cases	1 (0) [†]	1 (0) [†]
Influenza Vaccines Administered (PH)	--	92,309

*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

- RSV increased in LA County during the previous week.
- Influenza activity remains low - continue to vaccinate your patients.
- ILI activity in all ages is increasing.

In the News

Evidence for Heritable Predisposition to Death Due to Influenza

Evidence for a heritable contribution to death due to influenza was examined using a resource consisting of a genealogy of the Utah population linked to death certificates in Utah over a period of 100 years. Both close and distant relatives of individuals who died of influenza were shown to have an increased risk of dying of influenza, consistent with a combination of shared exposure and genetic effects (JID 2008:197 [1 January]).

For free access to the article visit: <http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/pdf/10.1086/524064>

Influenza Activity: CA & USA

California: During week 51 (December 16–22, 2007), influenza activity in California remained **sporadic**, with activity in Northern California higher than Southern California. Outpatient activity and hospitalizations for ILI remained low, as did laboratory detections.

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

Become a CA Influenza Sentinel Provider: Contact Melissa Dahlke at flu@cdph.ca.gov or visit: www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/VRDL/html/FLU/Flu-sentinel.htm

United States: Influenza activity continued to increase in the United States during week 52. The Mountain, Pacific (includes CA), and West South Central regions reported ILI above their region-specific baselines.

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