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Dear ICPs,

Each year, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, Acute Communicable Disease Control conducts routine surveillance for certain respiratory pathogens. Recently the number of confirmed positive RSV infections in Los Angeles County has risen dramatically even as influenza activity has dropped to very low levels. RSV usually occurs in annual epidemics during winter and early spring in temperate climates. It causes acute respiratory tract illness in patients of all ages, but can be particularly severe in infants and children. The demonstration of RSV in Southern California affects your prophylaxis and treatment decisions.

The control of nosocomial RSV spread is complicated by the continuing chance of introduction through infected patients, staff, and visitors. Early identification of RSV-infected patients is important so that appropriate precautions can be instituted promptly. Please be advised.

Guidelines for preventing Nosocomial Pneumonia <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/00045365.htm>
CDC RSV factsheet: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvrd/revb/respiratory/rsvfeat.htm>
CDC RSV nationwide trends by region <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvrd/revb/nrevss/rsvtre1.htm>
State update <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/dcdc/vrdl/html/FLU/2005-2006/Flu%20report%20week%202.htm>

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