



# INFLUENZA WATCH

Los Angeles County

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

SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM*	Week 2	To Date
Positive Influenza Tests±	0	4
Positive RSV Tests±	12	63
Hospitalized Influenza Cases±	1	3
Severe Pediatric Influenza Cases	0 (0) <sup>†</sup>	2 (0) <sup>†</sup>
Influenza Vaccines Administered (PH)	--	93,153

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

<sup>†</sup>The number of deaths is indicated by the parenthesis.

±Sentinel sites (5-7 participating facilities).

## Important Information

- RSV is increasing in Los Angeles County.
- Fewer cases of influenza have been reported in Los Angeles County to date compared to last year.
- Influenza-like illness remains above baseline levels.

## Announcements

- **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO VACCINATE YOUR PATIENTS!**

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

- **Flu Vaccine Effectiveness: Q & A for Health Professionals**

Available at:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/vaccination/effectivenessqa.htm>

## In the News

### FDA approves new refrigerated form of FluMist®

FluMist®, the live-attenuated seasonal influenza vaccine for use in persons aged 5 to 49 years, can be stored in the refrigerator rather than in the freezer. The new formulation will be available during the 2007-2008 influenza season.

## Influenza Activity: CA & USA

From 12/31/06-1/6/07 (week 1), laboratory and outpatient influenza-like illness (ILI) surveillance data decreased in the United States, which may have been influenced by a reduction in healthcare visits during the holiday season. However, ILI remained above baseline for the fourth consecutive week this season.

Influenza activity in California has been upgraded to **local** (influenza outbreaks detected or an increase in ILI and recent laboratory-confirmed influenza in a single region of the state).

For more information see the weekly CA influenza report:  
[www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/VRDL/html/FLU/Fluintro.htm](http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/VRDL/html/FLU/Fluintro.htm)

