



INFLUENZA WATCH

Los Angeles County

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

| SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM* | Week 3 | To Date |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Positive Influenza Tests± | 1 | 6 |
| Positive RSV Tests± | 11 | 76 |
| Hospitalized Influenza Cases± | 0 | 3 |
| Severe Pediatric Influenza Cases | 0 (0) [†] | 2 (0) [†] |
| Influenza Vaccines Administered (PH) | -- | 97,588 |

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

Announcements

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

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

In the News

Rapid flu test decreases antibiotic use in hospitalized adults

A new study reports that hospitalized adult patients who had early testing for influenza were given antibiotics less frequently than patients whose flu was identified later. (Arch Intern Med. 2007 Jan 22)

For free access, visit:
<http://archinte.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/full/167.4.i0i60207>

Influenza Activity: CA & USA

From 1/7/07-1/13/07 (week 2), laboratory surveillance for influenza increased slightly in the United States, while influenza-like illness (ILI) data was at baseline. The percent of deaths due to pneumonia and influenza remained below baseline level.

Influenza activity in California remains **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 CA influenza report:
www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/VRDL/html/FLU/Fluintro.htm

