



Influenza Watch

Los Angeles County

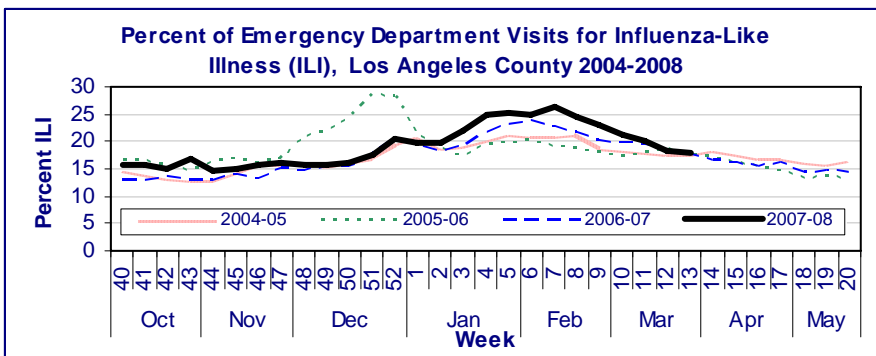
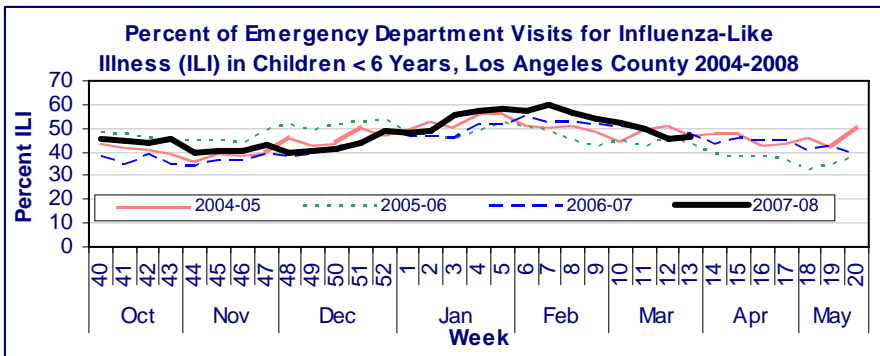
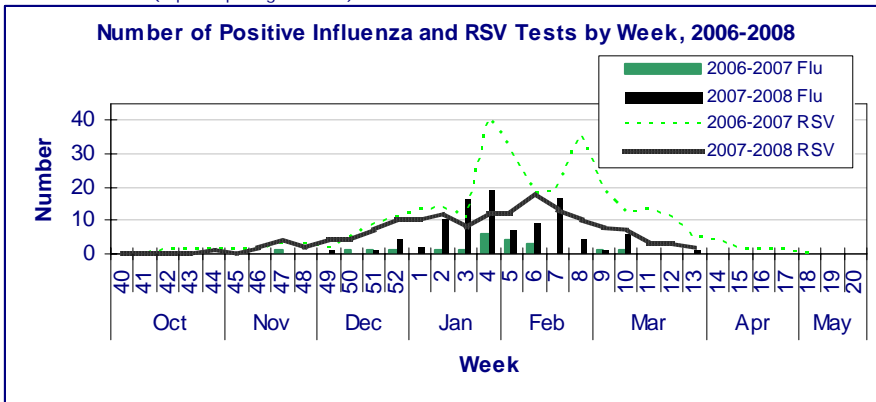
<http://lapublichealth.org/acd/flu.htm>

SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM*	Week 11-13	To Date
Positive Influenza Tests±	1	98
Positive RSV Tests±	8	152
Severe Pediatric Influenza Cases	1	26 (1)†
Influenza Vaccines Distributed by Public Health	--	119,437

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

†The number of deaths is indicated by the parenthesis.

±Sentinel sites (7 participating facilities).



Current Status

- Influenza activity is leveling off in Los Angeles County, California, and the United States.
- Peak activity in Los Angeles occurred between 2/9/08-2/23/08
- Influenza activity was higher than 2006-2007 but within 5-year norms.
- RSV was low compared to the past several years.

In the News

The ACIP recommended that all children in the United States (age 6 months-18 years) receive yearly influenza vaccinations. Children <9 years who are receiving the vaccine for the first time need 2 doses. LAIV is an alternative to using needles in healthy children 2-18 years. (www.cdc.gov/flu/)

Influenza Activity: CA & USA

California: During week 12 (3/16/08-3/22/08), influenza activity in California was **Regional**. Admissions for ILI admissions and prescriptions for antivirals decreased 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 decreased throughout the US during week 12 (3/16/08-3/22/08). Only 17 states reported **widespread** influenza.

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