

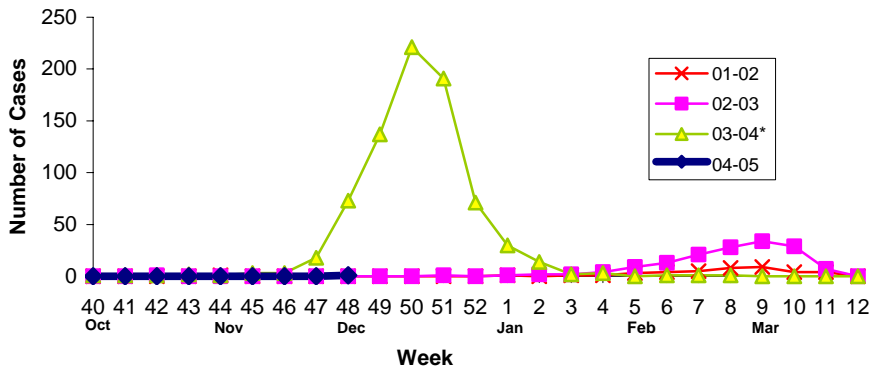


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This report includes information through 11/27/04 (CDC Disease Week 47).

- OC reported its first case of influenza this week (Week 48); an infant with influenza B.
- Diagnostic testing should be considered when an institutional outbreak of influenza is suspected or if test results would influence clinical decision-making. For more information on when to order influenza testing, see <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/diagnosis/0405testingguide.htm>.
- Additional flu vaccine clinics will be offered in selected senior centers and hospitals. For details, see <http://www.ochealthinfo.com/public/flu/locations.htm>. To purchase vaccine for your patients, see <http://www.ochealthinfo.com/epi/flu/index.htm> or call (800) 564-8448.
- Patients who meet the CDC-defined priority groups for flu vaccination this year may also be vaccinated through OC Public Health. Patients may call (800) 564-8448 for more information.

Orange County Weekly Influenza Cases Reported by Week and Season, 2001-2004*



Orange County Surveillance*

- Flu activity is at baseline levels in Orange County.
- Rapid test kits may be available from the State for sentinel providers assisting us in influenza surveillance. Please call (714) 834-7729 for more information.
- Medical reference manuals may be available as incentives for the sentinel providers who report most consistently.

*Note: The number of confirmed cases does NOT correspond to the total number of cases in OC as not all labs participate, the surveillance programs are not population based, and testing may be influenced by many factors such as public interest.

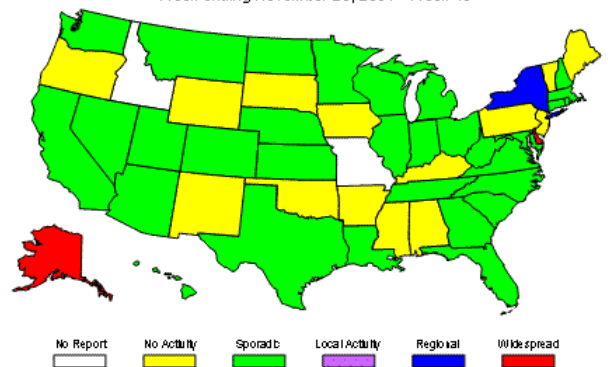
Health care providers and labs can aid in monitoring flu by participating in OC flu surveillance. For more information, contact OC Epidemiology at (714) 834-8180.

California and USA

- Statewide, flu is at baseline for this time of year. Influenza A was reported from Alameda, Sacramento, San Diego, and Solano Counties, and flu B from San Diego.
- Flu in the US is at baseline levels with 31 states and DC reporting sporadic activity, New York reporting regional activity, and Alaska and Delaware reporting widespread activity for the week ending 11/20.



Weekly Influenza Activity Estimates Reported by State & Territorial Epidemiologists
Week ending November 20, 2004 - Week 46



Additional Information:

General: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu>

OC: www.ochealthinfo.com/epi/flu/index.htm

California: www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dc/dc/VRDL/html/FLU/Flutable04-05.htm

USA: www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

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