

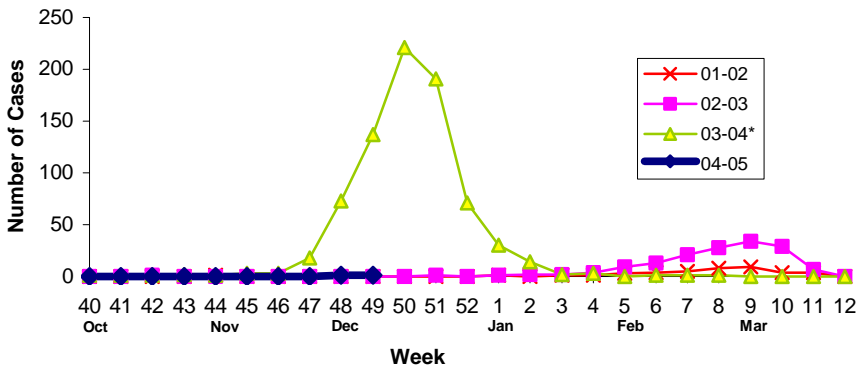


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This report includes information through 12/04/04 (CDC Disease Week 48).

- OC reported its first case of influenza A in an OC resident this week (Week 49).
- Flu A was reported from Santa Clara County and flu B from LA and Santa Clara Counties.
- Additional flu vaccine clinics will be offered in selected senior centers through December 16. For details, see <http://www.ochealthinfo.com/public/flu/locations.htm>. To purchase vaccine for your patients, call (800) 564-8448. Patients may also arrange for flu vaccination by OC Public Health by calling (800) 564-8448.
- The CDC has developed an Influenza Prevention Toolkit with printable resources, posters, and flyers. To download, see: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/toolkit/resources.htm>. Be sure to click on “More Tools” at the bottom right of the web page for a list of available resources to download.

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



Orange County*

- Flu activity is at baseline levels in Orange County.
- To date this season, we have received reports of one case of influenza A and one flu B in OC residents, and one flu A in a traveler passing through OC.
- Sentinel providers: Please report influenza-like illness (ILI) and total visits WEEKLY even in the absence of ILI.

*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.

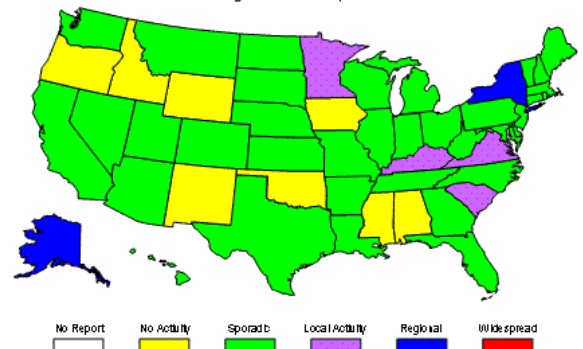
Health care providers and labs can aid in monitoring flu by participating in OC flu surveillance. For more information, contact OC Epidemiology at (714) 834-8180.

California and USA

- Statewide, flu is sporadic and at baseline for this time of year. ILI accounted for 2.3% of visits to sentinel physicians.
- Flu in the US is also at baseline levels with Alaska and New York reporting regional activity, four states reporting local activity, and 36 states, DC and Puerto Rico reporting sporadic activity.



Weekly Influenza Activity Estimates Reported by State & Territorial Epidemiologists
Week ending December 04, 2004 - Week 48



Additional Information:

General: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu>
 OC: www.ochealthinfo.com/epi/flu/index.htm
 California: www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/VRDL/html/FLU/Flutable04-05.htm
 USA: www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

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