



# Eye on Influenza

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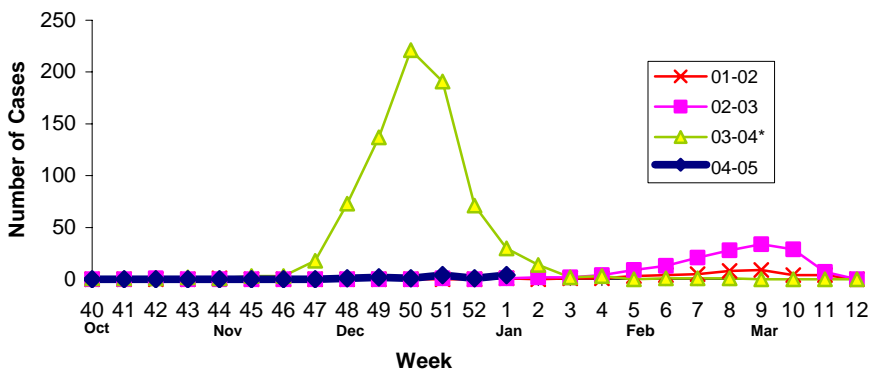
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California has lifted previous restrictions on flu vaccine and all California residents (>6 months of age) are now eligible for vaccination. To obtain vaccine, call OC Public Health at (800) 564-8448. For additional information, visit <http://www.ochealthinfo.com/epi/flu/index.htm>.

## This report includes information through 01/08/05 (CDC Disease Week 1).

- The CDC, AAP, and AAFP have released the Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for 2005 (<http://www.cdc.gov/nip/recs/child-schedule.pdf>). Recommendations for annual influenza vaccination of children remain unchanged from 2004 and include all healthy children aged 6-23 months, children ≥ 6 months with chronic medical conditions or on long-term aspirin therapy, and close contacts of these high risk children and of healthy children aged 0-23 months.
- Additional human cases of avian influenza H5N1 have been confirmed this week. With the Lunar New Year approaching, increased travel to and from Asia may occur. Consider avian influenza in returned travelers with respiratory symptoms and contact us for more info at 714-834-8180.

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



### Orange County\*

- OC reported 4 cases of influenza (1 flu A and 3 flu B) last week.
- To date this season, we have received 13 reports of influenza detections in OC residents (4 flu A, 8 flu B, and 1 flu A/B unspecified).
- One influenza A specimen has been subtyped as H3N2 by the OC Public Health Laboratory. Further strain typing is pending.

\*Note: The number of confirmed cases does NOT correspond to the total number of cases occurring 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. However, the trends in influenza activity are likely to be reflected accurately.

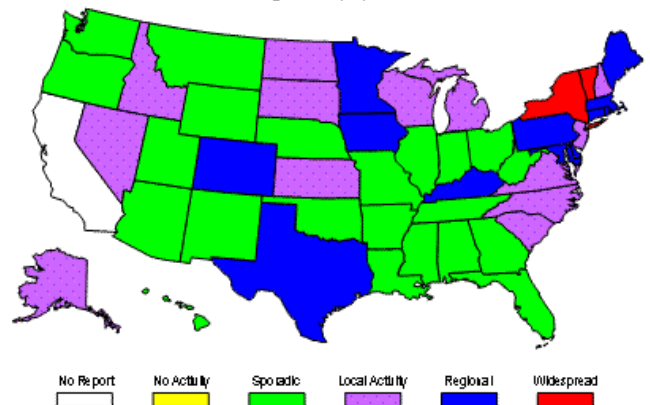
Health care providers and labs can aid in monitoring flu by participating in OC flu surveillance. For more information, contact OC Epidemiology at (714) 834-8180.

### California and USA

- Statewide, flu activity continues to be sporadic. Laboratory detections of both influenza A and B are increasing.
- Flu activity in the US continued to increase, mostly in the east. New York and Vermont reported widespread activity, 12 states regional, 13 states and D.C. local, and 22 states sporadic for week 52.

### Weekly Influenza Activity Estimates Reported by State & Territorial Epidemiologists

Week ending January 1, 2005 - Week 52



### Additional Information:

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

OC: [www.ochealthinfo.com/epi/flu/index.htm](http://www.ochealthinfo.com/epi/flu/index.htm)

California: [www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/VRDL/html/FLU/Flutable04-05.htm](http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/VRDL/html/FLU/Flutable04-05.htm)

USA: [www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/)

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