



Eye on Influenza

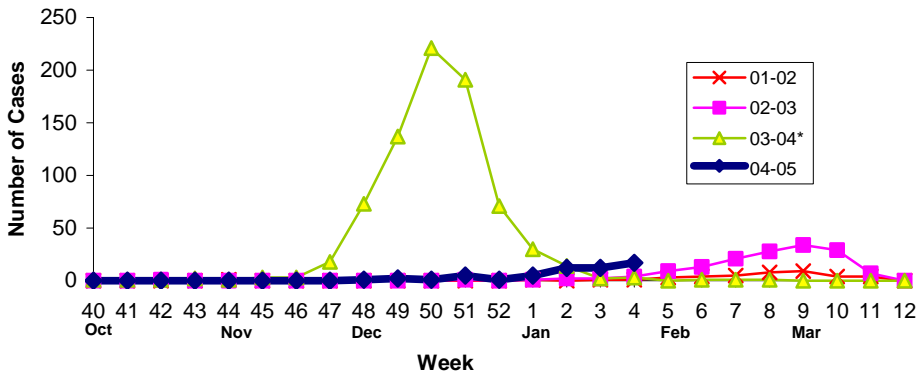
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This report includes information through 01/29/05 (CDC Disease Week 4).

- It's not too late to vaccinate! Flu vaccine doses from the CDC stockpile are available for purchase directly from the manufacturer, with reimbursement for returned unused vaccine. See www.vaccineshoppe.com for more information or the CDC's late season guidelines at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/pdf/flu vaccine-lateseasonguidance.pdf>.
- The first human case of avian influenza in Cambodia was reported last week. Since mid-December, Vietnam has reported 13 human cases of avian flu with 12 deaths. A travel health precaution was issued by the CDC for Vietnam: http://www.cdc.gov/travel/other/avian_flu_vietnam_2005.htm (available in English and Vietnamese). Consider avian influenza in travelers returning from Asia with respiratory symptoms and call OC Epidemiology at 714-834-8180 for more information.

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



Orange County*

- OC reported 17 cases of influenza last week: 3 flu A, 10 flu B and 4 flu A/B unspecified.
- To date this season, we have received 56 reports of influenza detections in OC residents (13 flu A, 38 flu B, and 5 flu A/B unspecified).
- Sentinel providers: Please continue to report weekly by Mondays! Thanks!

*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.

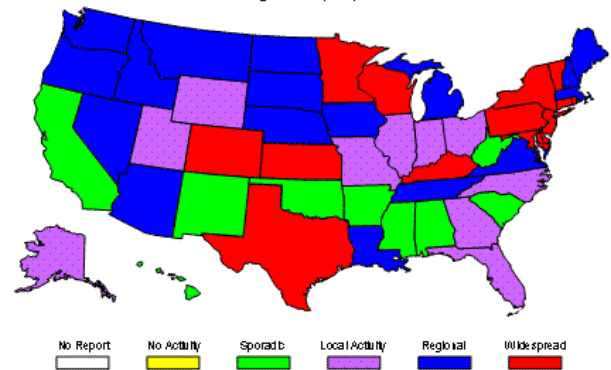
Health care providers and labs can aid in monitoring flu by participating in OC flu surveillance. For more information, contact OC Epidemiology at (714) 834-8180.

California and USA

- Statewide, influenza activity is sporadic. Influenza and RSV detections continue to increase.
- In the U.S., 14 states and New York City reported widespread activity, 17 states regional, 10 states local, and 9 states, D.C. and Puerto Rico sporadic for the week ending 1/22/05. Influenza-like illness visits to sentinel providers were above the national baseline.



Weekly Influenza Activity Estimates Reported by State & Territorial Epidemiologists
Week ending January 22, 2005 - Week 3



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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