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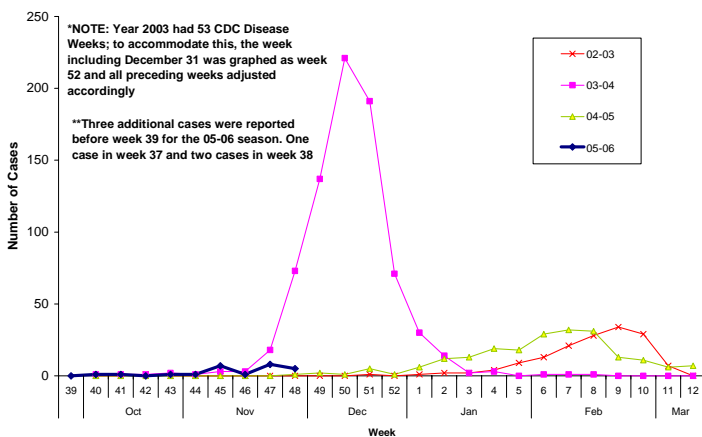
This report includes information through 11/26/05 (CDC Disease Week 47).



Orange County has received one report of an influenza outbreak among residents of a long term care facility. Flu vaccine is the best way to prevent transmission of influenza, visit <http://www.ochealthinfo.com/public/flu/locations.htm> & <http://www.findaflushot.com> for more information on clinics.

- **Foreign Language Resources:** <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/cht/sarsfluhanjan1404-chinese.pdf> (*SARS, Avian Flu in Chinese*); <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/cht/pdf/keyfacts-chinese.pdf> (*Flu in Chinese*); <http://www.cdc.gov/germstopper/chinese/pdf/work.pdf> (*Germs in Chinese*); http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/vie/pdf/covercough_hcp8-5x11-vietnamese.pdf (*Cover Your Cough Poster in Vietnamese*); http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/vie/pdf/vaccinekeyfacts_vi.pdf (*Key facts about the flu handout in Vietnamese*)
- **New Avian Influenza Resources for Clinicians:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has information on infection control in healthcare facilities, recommendation for those with possible exposure, recent health updates and more. Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avian/professional/> for more information.

Orange County Influenza Cases
Reported by Week and Season, 2002-2005*



*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.

Orange County*

- To date this season, we have received 31 reports of influenza in OC residents, resulting in one death. 27 of the 31 cases have been influenza A, 9 of which have been subtyped as A/H3N2.
- We are actively recruiting physicians and other healthcare providers to participate as sentinel providers for influenza surveillance. Incentives include viral isolation on a subset of patients and rapid flu test kits. Contact us at epi@ochca.com or 714-834-8180 for more information.

Avian Influenza Update

- **China has reported its first human cases of avian influenza.** As of November 29, 2005, 133 human H5N1 cases and 68 deaths have been reported from Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, Cambodia and China since avian H5N1 outbreaks began in 2003. Additionally, infected birds have been detected in Russia, Kazakhstan, Romania, Turkey, Mongolia, and Croatia.
- Clinicians should maintain a high index of suspicion for influenza A (H5N1) in patients with fever and respiratory symptoms arriving or returning from Asia. Please consult OC Epidemiology for recommendations.

Additional Information:

OC: <http://www.ochealthinfo.com/epi/flu/surveillance.htm>

California: <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dc/dc/VRDL/html/FLU/Fluintro.htm>

USA: www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/ & <http://www.cdc.gov/flu>

California and USA

- During week 47 (week ending 11/26/05), influenza activity was low in the United States. 23 states, New York City, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia reported sporadic influenza activity.

