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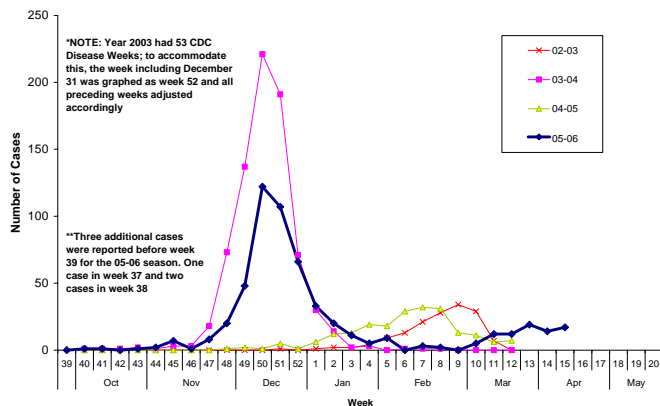
This report includes information through 4/28/2006

Orange County continues to receive reports of influenza B.

- **Q & A for Avian Influenza and Pandemic Influenza:** The Health Care Agency has developed a Q & A, incorporating common questions addressed in the CDC Q & A with additional questions specific to our County. The most up-to-date version is available at <http://www.ochealthinfo.com/epi/af/index.htm>.
- **Pandemic Planning Brochures for Health Care Professionals** (and other groups) have been developed by Trust for America's Health in conjunction with the American Medical Association. Please visit <http://healthyamericans.org/reports/flu/brochures/> for more details.
- **Science has published a special issue on influenza and avian influenza:** To view articles (free access), visit <http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/short/312/5772/379>.
- **West Nile Virus season is here:** Birds have already tested positive for the virus in our county. To receive regular updates, sign up for the Orange County West Nile File at epi@ochca.com.



Orange County Influenza Cases
Reported by Week and Season, 2002-2006*



Orange County

- To date this season, we have received 575 (444 A/ 103 B /28 unspecified) reports of influenza in OC residents and five flu-associated deaths. The majority of reports in the past 6 weeks have been type B.

California and National

- Flu activity continued to decrease nationally in week 16 (ending 4/22/06). Some northern and northeastern states reported regional or local activity. California continues to report sporadic influenza activity.
- Influenza-like illnesses reported by sentinel providers and pneumonia and influenza deaths are all below the national baseline.

Avian Influenza Update

- A total of 205 human H5N1 cases and 113 deaths have been confirmed, as of April 27, 2006, in Azerbaijan (8), Cambodia (6), China (18), Egypt (12), Indonesia (32), Iraq (2), Thailand (22), Turkey (12), and Vietnam (93). H5N1-infected birds have been reported in multiple areas in Asia, Africa and Europe.
- All patients with fever and respiratory symptoms should be asked about travel within 10 days of onset of symptoms to an H5N1-affected country. Suspect avian influenza cases should be reported immediately to OC Epidemiology at 714-834-8180.
- For an up-to-date list of H5N1-affected countries, see <http://www.ochealthinfo.com/epi/af/index.htm>.

Nations with Confirmed Cases
H5N1 Avian Influenza (April 27, 2006)



Recommended Resources:

General: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu> OC: <http://www.ochealthinfo.com/epi/flu/surveillance.htm>
 California: <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdcd/VRDL/html/FLU/Fluintro.htm> USA: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>

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