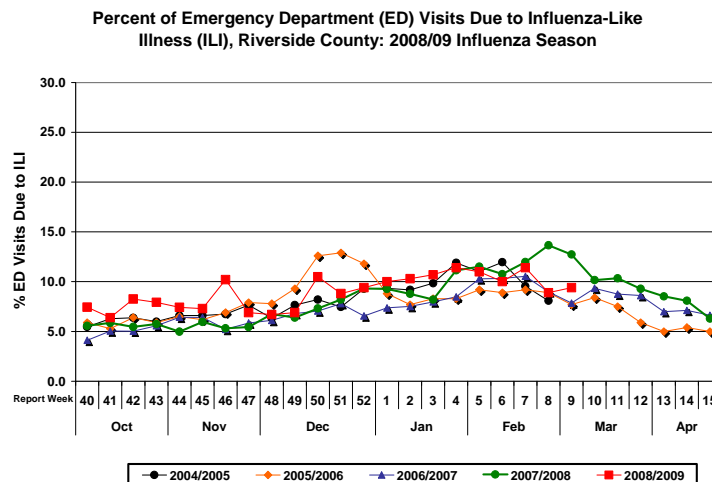


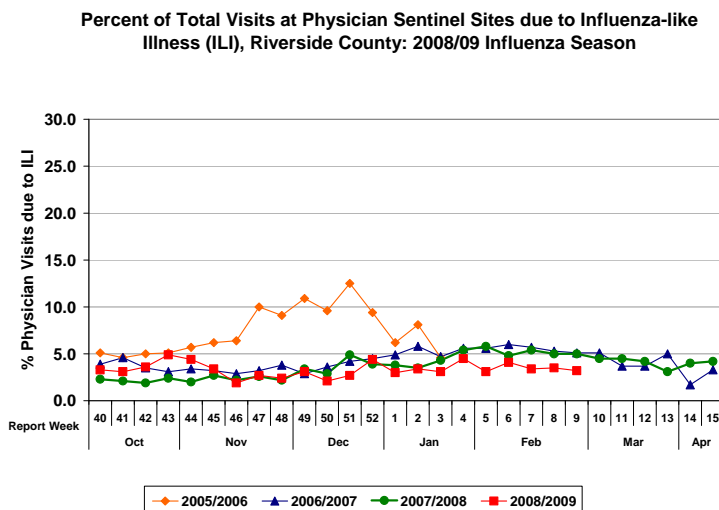
Influenza Season 2008/09 – Riverside County, California

Influenza Surveillance Weekly Update

Week ending March 7, 2009



During week 9, 9.4 percent of visits to Riverside County emergency departments were related to influenza-like illnesses. Compared to historical data, this is within normal limits.



During week 9, 3.2 percent of visits to physician sentinel sites were related to influenza-like illnesses. Compared to historical data, this is within normal limits.

School Absenteeism: As of week 8*, 10.9%** of students at sentinel school sites were absent due to illness. This is similar to the same time last year when 11.4% of students at sentinel school sites were absent due to illness. *Data reporting delayed one week. **Data from schools who specifically report absence due to illness.

State Influenza Activity: As of week 8*, influenza activity in California has remained regional based upon increased laboratory detections.

National Influenza Activity: As of week 8*, influenza activity in the United States has continued to increase, with all states reporting influenza activity. The proportion of deaths nationwide attributed to pneumonia and influenza (P&I) was below the epidemic threshold.

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Additional Resources

Riverside County Influenza Vaccine Locations:

Call 1-888-246-1215 or visit <http://www.rivco-diseasecontrol.org/pdf/flu.pdf>

State of California Influenza Information:

<http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/vrdl/html/flu/fluintro.htm>

United States Influenza Information:

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/flu/weekly.htm>