



Eye on Influenza

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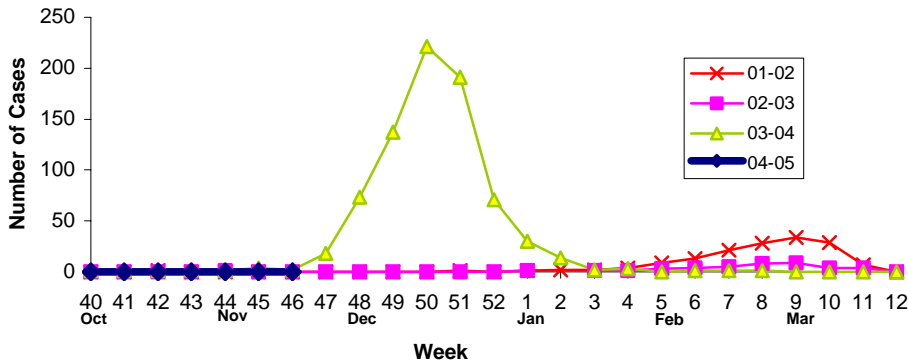
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

This report includes information through 11/20/04 (CDC Disease Week 46).

- No cases of influenza in Orange County residents have been reported to OC Public Health for the 2004-2005 season.
- As the holiday season approaches, remind patients to restrict travel and close contact with others while ill to prevent further spread of disease.
- Additional flu vaccine clinics will be offered in selected senior centers and hospitals between 11/30 and 12/9. For details, see <http://www.ochealthinfo.com/public/flu/locations.htm>. To purchase vaccine for your patients, see <http://www.ochealthinfo.com/epi/flu/index.htm> or call OC Public Health at (800) 564-8448.



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



Orange County

- One case of influenza A was reported in a traveler passing through Orange County (acquired out-of-county).
- Orange County influenza-like illness (ILI) visits remain below the state and national baselines.
- Sentinel physicians: Please report weekly even in weeks when no patients with ILI are seen.

*Note: The number of confirmed cases does NOT correspond to the total number of cases 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.

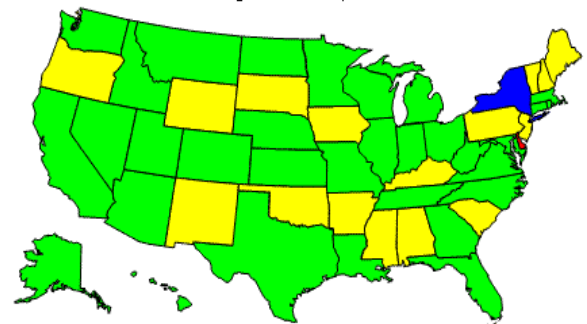
Health care providers and labs can aid in monitoring flu by participating in OC flu surveillance. For more information, contact OC Epidemiology at (714) 834-8180.

California and USA

- Flu in CA and in the US is at baseline levels for this time of year. Delaware reported widespread activity, New York reported regional activity, and 32 states, D.C., and Puerto Rico reported sporadic activity for the week ending 11/13/04.
- One flu A detection was reported from San Francisco County this week.
- All isolates strain-typed by the CDC to date this season have been strains represented in the 2004-05 influenza vaccine.



Weekly Influenza Activity Estimates Reported by State & Territorial Epidemiologists
Week ending November 13, 2004 - Week 45



No Report	No Activity	Sporadic	Local Activity	Regional	Widespread

Additional Information:

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

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

California: www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/VRDL/html/FLU/Flutable04-05.htm

USA: www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

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