Deaths due to Pneumonia and Influenza: During week 10, 8.5% of deaths were due, in part, to pneumonia or influenza. Compared to historical data, this is within normal limits.

School Absenteeism: No data available.

State Influenza Activity: During week 9*, overall influenza activity was “local” in California. Based on available data from 70 out of an average of 133 enrolled sentinel providers, the percentage of visits for ILI in week 9 (2.9%) was within expected baseline levels for this time of year. Seventeen influenza-associated deaths in adults less than 65 years of age were reported during Week 9. Five influenza outbreaks were reported, no novel influenza cases have been detected in California to date.

National Influenza Activity: During week 9*, influenza activity continued to decrease in the United States. The proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) was 2.0%, which is at the national baseline. Five of 10 regions reported ILI at or above region-specific baseline levels. One state experienced high ILI activity, one state experienced moderate ILI activity, six states experienced low ILI activity, 42 states and New York City experienced minimal ILI activity; The District of Columbia had insufficient data. The geographic spread of influenza in eight states was reported as widespread; 12 states reported regional influenza activity; the District of Columbia, Guam and 26 states reported local influenza activity; Puerto Rico and four states reported sporadic influenza activity, and the U.S. Virgin Islands reported no influenza activity. During week 9, 7.9% of all deaths reported through the 122-Cities Mortality Reporting System were due to P&I. This percentage was above the epidemic threshold of 7.4 % for week 9. Four influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported.

Additional Resources
Riverside County Influenza Information: http://www.rivco-diseasecontrol.org/Services/InfluenzaInformation.aspx
State of California Influenza Information: http://www.cdph.ca.gov/healthinfo/discond/Pages/Influenza(Flu).aspx
United States Influenza Information: http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/flu/weekly.htm

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