Influenza Season 2013/2014 – Riverside County, California
Influenza Surveillance Weekly Update
Week ending April 5, 2014

Deaths due to Pneumonia and Influenza: During week 14, 9.2% of deaths were due, in part, to pneumonia or influenza. Compared to historical data, this is above normal limits.

School Absenteeism: No data available.

State Influenza Activity: No data available.

National Influenza Activity: During week 13*, influenza activity continued to decrease in most regions of the United States. The proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) was 1.6%, which is below the national baseline of 2.0%. Two of 10 regions reported ILI at or above region-specific baseline levels. New York City experienced high ILI activity; two states experienced moderate ILI activity; three states experienced low ILI activity; 45 states experienced minimal ILI activity, and the District of Columbia had insufficient data. The geographic spread of influenza in five states was reported as widespread; Guam and four states reported regional influenza activity; the District of Columbia and 17 states reported local influenza activity; Puerto Rico and 23 states reported sporadic influenza activity; one state reported no influenza activity and the U.S. Virgin Islands did not report. During week 13, 6.5% of all deaths reported through the 122-Cities Mortality Reporting System were due to P&I. This percentage was below the epidemic threshold of 7.3% for week 13. Four influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported.

* Data reporting delayed one week.

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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