Deaths due to Pneumonia and Influenza: During week 4, 9.5% of deaths were due, in part, to pneumonia or influenza. Compared to historical data, this is above normal limits.

School Absenteeism: During week 4, 9.8% of students at sentinel school sites were absent due to illness. Compared to historical data, this is within normal limits.

State Influenza Activity: During week 3*, overall influenza activity was “widespread” in California. Based on available data from 83 out of an average of 131 enrolled sentinel providers, the percentage of visits for ILI in week 3 (4.3%) was above the epidemic threshold (4.2%). Fifty influenza-associated deaths in adults less than 65 years of age were reported during Week 1. Five influenza outbreaks were reported, no novel influenza cases have been detected in California to date. * Data reporting delayed one week.

National Influenza Activity: During week 3*, influenza activity remained high in the United States. The proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) was 3.4%, above the national baseline of 2.0%. All 10 regions reported ILI above region-specific baseline levels. Thirteen states experienced high ILI activity, 7 states and New York experienced moderate ILI activity, 15 states experienced low ILI activity; 15 states experienced minimal ILI activity and the District of Columbia had insufficient data. The geographic spread of influenza in 41 states was reported as widespread; 8 states and Puerto Rico reported regional influenza activity; the District of Columbia reported local influenza activity; one state and Guam reported sporadic influenza activity, and the U.S. Virgin Islands did not report. During week 3, 8.1% of all deaths reported through the 122-Cities Mortality Reporting System were due to P&I. This percentage was above the epidemic threshold of 7.2% for week 3. Eight 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
United States Influenza Information: http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/flu/weekly.htm