

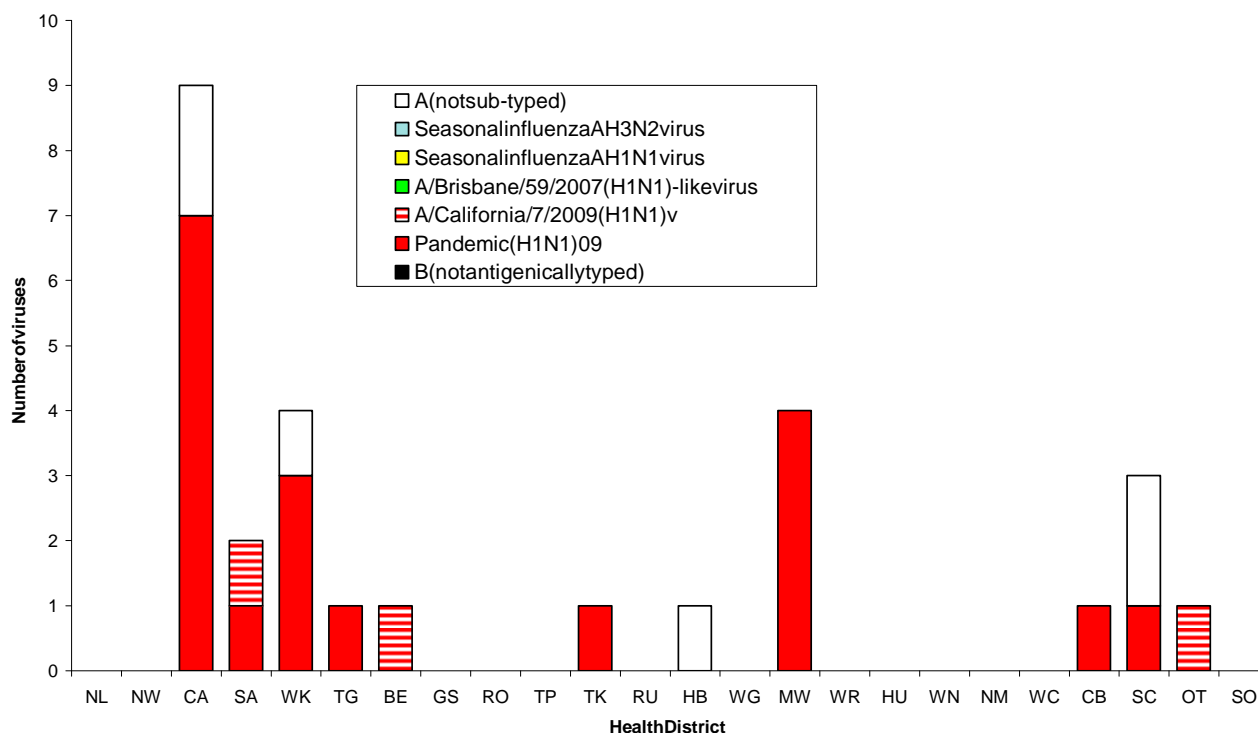
In addition, 22 influenza viruses were reported from the laboratory-based (non-sentinel) surveillance: Pandemic influenza (H1N1)09 (17) and influenza A (not sub-typed) (5). The distribution by health district is shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Influenza viruses from non-sentinel surveillance in September by Health District

Antigenic Strain	CA	SA	WK	TG	HB	MW	CB	SC	Total
A (not sub-typed)	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	5
Pandemic H1N109	6	1	3	1	0	4	1	1	17
Total	8	1	4	1	1	4	1	2	22

Figure 2 shows the cumulative total of influenza viruses confirmed (sentinel and laboratory-based surveillance) for September 2009¹. A total of 28 viruses were identified. The predominant strain was pandemic (H1N1)2009 (22) including three of pandemic influenza A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)v-like strains followed by influenza A (not sub-typed) (6).

Figure 2: Cumulative influenza viruses from sentinel and non-sentinel surveillance by health district, September 2009



¹Data based on dates specimen taken rather than week reported.

Figure 3 shows the national weekly consultation rates for influenza-like illness in New Zealand, 2007, 2008 and 2009. The rates in 2009 are significantly higher than in 2008 and 2007, peaking at the end of week 39, September 2009.

Figure 3: Weekly consultation rates for influenza-like illness in New Zealand, 2007, 2008 and 2009

