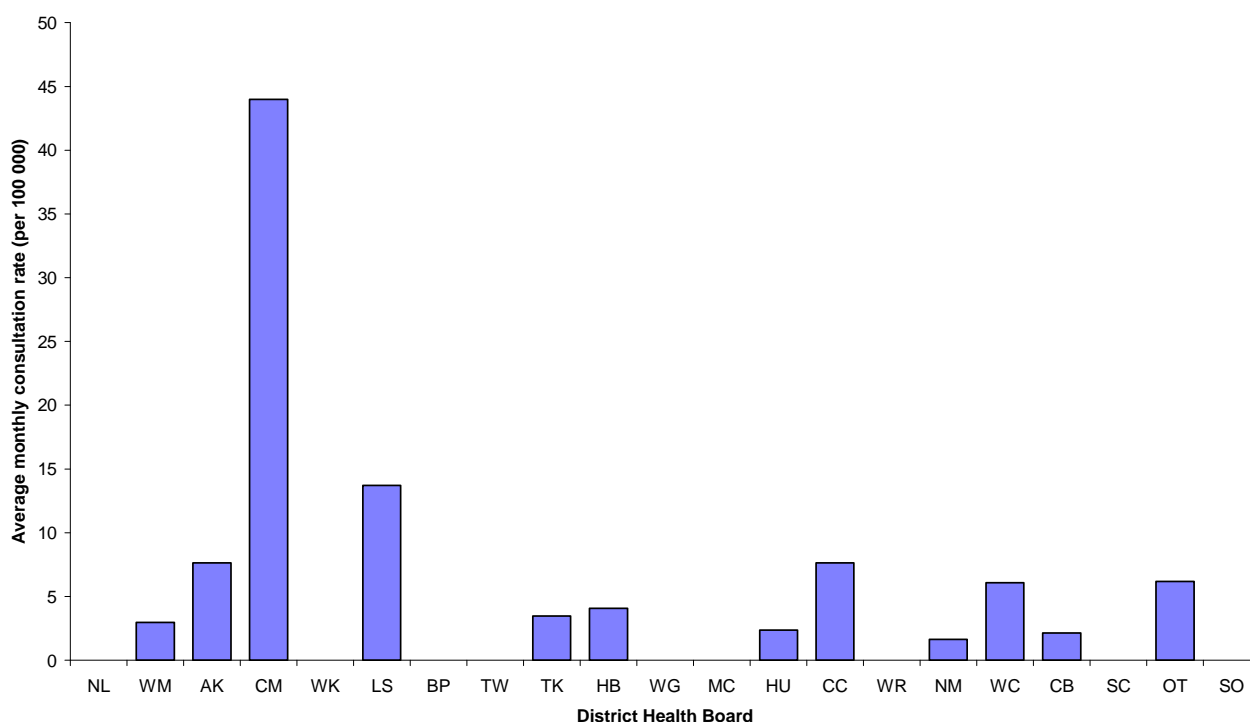


INFLUENZA SURVEILLANCE SUMMARY - JANUARY 2010

During January (weeks 1 – 4), 170 consultations for influenza-like illness were reported from 73 general practices (on average) in all of the 21 District Health Boards (DHB). The average weekly consultation rate for January was 11.8 per 100 000 patient population.

Figure 1 compares the average monthly consultation rates for influenza-like illness for each DHB during January. Counties Manukau had the highest consultation rate (44.0 per 100 000, 132 cases), followed by Lakes (13.7 per 100 000, 1 case) and Capital and Coast (7.6 per 100 000, 6 cases).

Figure 1: Average monthly consultation rates for influenza-like illness by DHB, January 2010



A total of 41 swabs were received for testing during January from sentinel surveillance. No influenza viruses were identified.

Two pandemic (H1N1) 09¹ viruses were identified from laboratory-based (non-sentinel surveillance): one each from Waitemata and Waikato DHBs.

¹ Data based on date specimen taken rather than report date.

Figure 2 shows the national weekly consultation rates to the end of week 4, January 2010 and rates in 2009 and 2008.

Figure 2: Weekly consultation rates for influenza-like illness in New Zealand, 2008, 2009 and 2010

