In the past week, a total of 61 consultations for influenza-like illness were reported from 76 general practices in 20 out of 24 health districts. This gives a weekly consultation rate of 20.2 per 100 000 patient population.

The graph compares the consultation rates for influenza-like illness for each health district over the past week. Waikato had the highest consultation rate (51.3 per 100 000), closely followed by Tauranga (51.0 per 100 000).

Fourteen swabs were sent from the sentinel surveillance in the past week. Fourteen swabs from sentinel surveillance have been received by virology laboratories. One Influenza B (yet to be subtyped) was reported from Wellington from the Sentinel Surveillance.

Two influenza A (yet to be subtyped) (one each from Central Auckland and Waikato) and two influenza B (yet to be subtyped) (one each from Central Auckland and Tauranga), were reported for the laboratory-based (non-sentinel) surveillance this week.

The cumulative total of influenza isolates confirmed (sentinel and laboratory-based surveillance) so far this year is 20. Of these, six are influenza A (yet to be subtyped), three were subtyped as A/Fujian/411/2002 (H3N2) - like, one as A/Wellington/1/2004 (H3N2) – like, two as influenza B/Sichuan/379/99 – like and eight as Influenza B (yet to be sub-typed).