

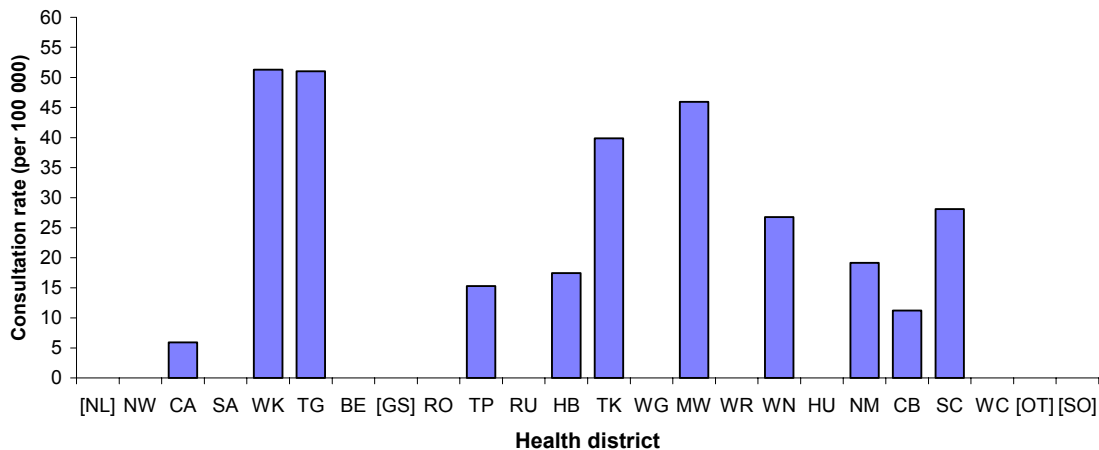
INFLUENZA WEEKLY UPDATE

2005/16: 18 April – 22 April 2005

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).

*Weekly consultation rates for influenza-like illness by health district
week ending 22 April 2005*



[] Health District not participating

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).

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