

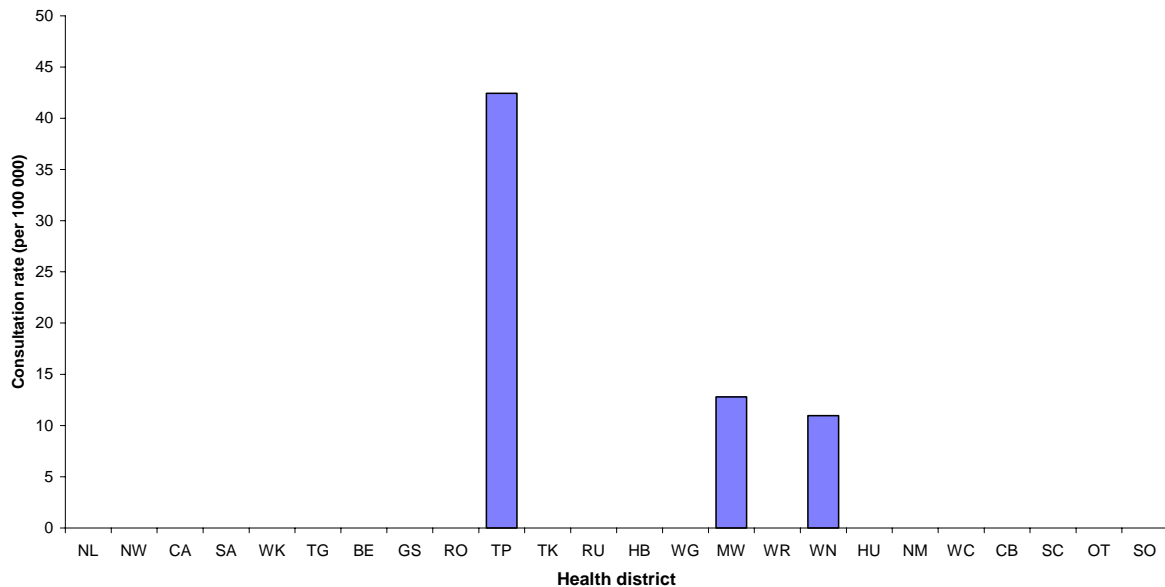
INFLUENZA WEEKLY UPDATE

2006/18: 1 May – 7 May 2006

In the past week, a total of four consultations for influenza-like illness were reported from 30 general practices in 12 out of 24 health districts. This gives a weekly consultation rate of 3.1 per 100 000 patient population.

The graph compares the consultation rates for influenza-like illness for each health district over the past week. Taupo had the highest consultation rate (42.4 per 100 000), followed by Manawatu (12.8 per 100 000).

*Weekly consultation rates for influenza-like illness by health district
week ending 7 May 2006*



Two swabs were sent from the sentinel surveillance in the past week. Three swabs from sentinel surveillance have been received by the ESR virology laboratory. The influenza virus is yet to be identified.

No isolates were reported by regional virology laboratories from the laboratory-based (non-sentinel) surveillance.

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