

INFLUENZA WEEKLY UPDATE

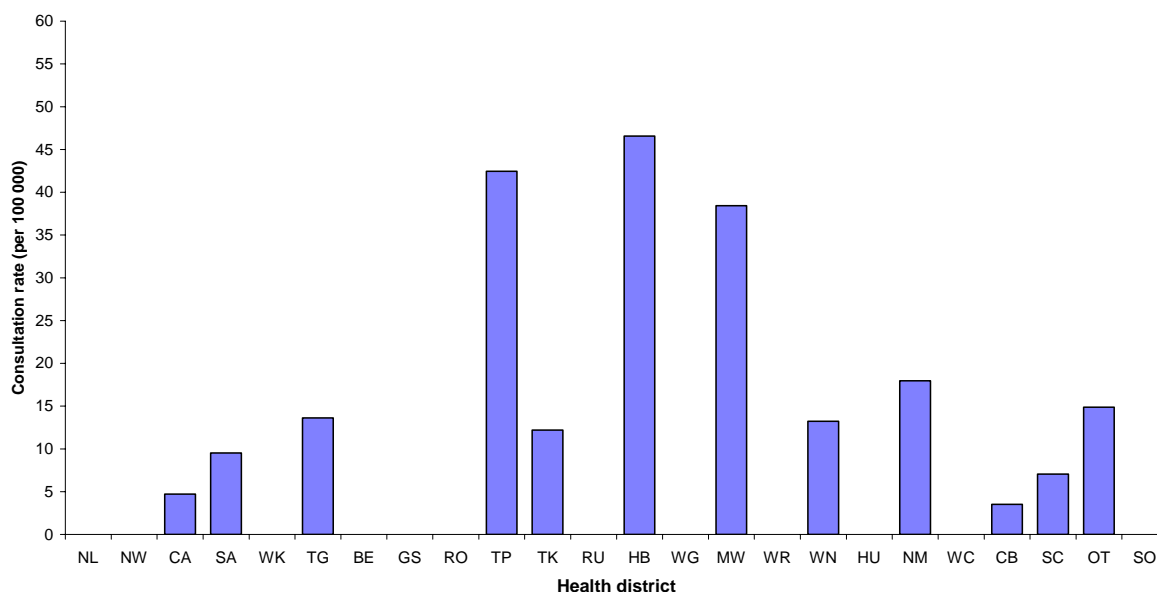
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In the past week, a total of 34 consultations for influenza-like illness were reported from 66 general practices in 18 out of 24 health districts. This gives a weekly consultation rate of 11.0 per 100 000 patient population.

The graph compares the consultation rates for influenza-like illness for each health district over the past week. Hawke's Bay had the highest consultation rate (46.6 per 100 000), followed by Taupo (42.4 per 100 000).

Figure 1

*Weekly consultation rates for influenza-like illness by health district
week ending 14 May 2006*



Eleven swabs were sent from the sentinel surveillance in the past week. Ten swabs were received by virology laboratories. 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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