

# INFLUENZA WEEKLY UPDATE

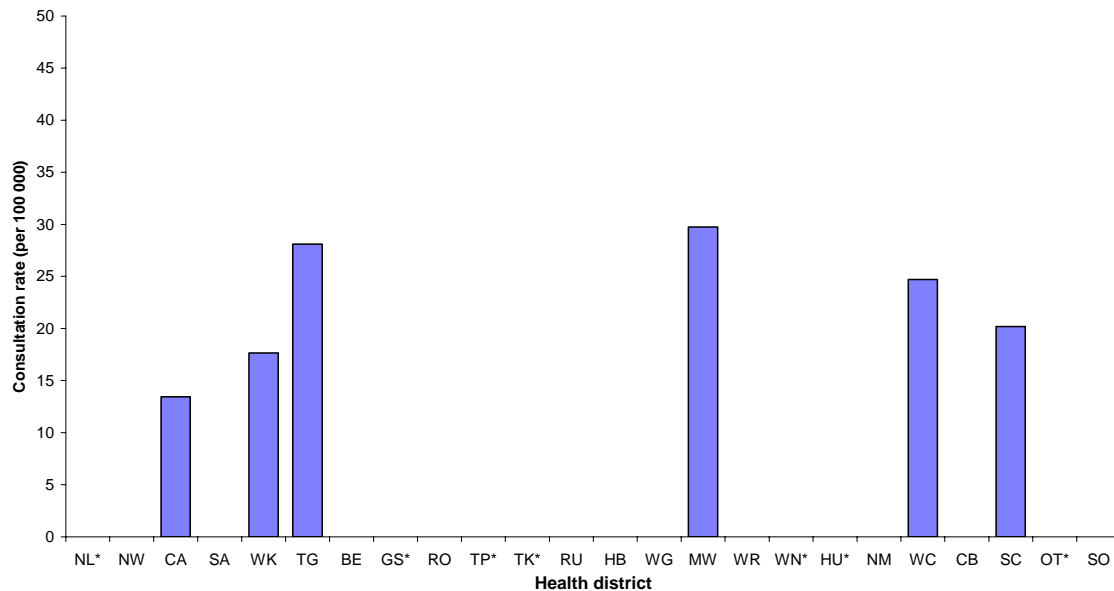
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In the past week, a total of 24 consultations for influenza-like illness were reported from 56 general practices in 16 out of 24 health districts. This gives a weekly consultation rate of 11.7 per 100 000 patient population.

The graph compares the consultation rates for influenza-like illness for each health district over the past week. Manawatu had the highest consultation rate (29.7 per 100 000), followed by Tauranga (28.1 per 100 000).

*Weekly consultation rates for influenza-like illness by health district  
week ending 4 May 2007*



\*Health districts did not participate for the week.

Six swabs were sent from the sentinel surveillance in the past week. Five swabs were received by virology laboratories. The influenza virus is yet to be identified.

One B/Malaysia/2506/2004-like isolate from Waikato was reported in the past week from the laboratory-based (non-sentinel) surveillance.

A full report on influenza in New Zealand for 2006 can be found at <http://www.surv.esr.cri.nz/virology/virology.php>

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