

INFLUENZA WEEKLY UPDATE

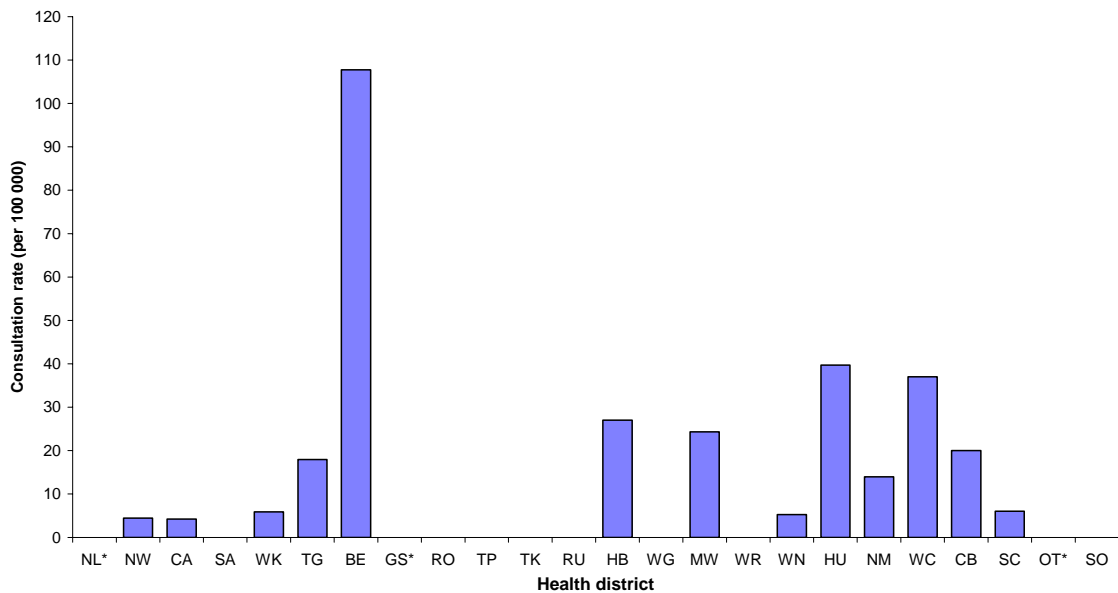
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In the past week, a total of 38 consultations for influenza-like illness were reported from 67 general practices in 21 out of 24 health districts. This gives a weekly consultation rate of 13.4 per 100 000 patient population.

The graph compares the consultation rates for influenza-like illness for each health district over the past week. Eastern Bay of Plenty had the highest consultation rate (101.7 per 100 000), followed by Hutt (39.7 per 100 000).

Figure 1

*Weekly consultation rates for influenza-like illness by health district
week ending 11 May 2007*



*Health districts did not participate for the week

Table 1. Health District Codes and Description

Code	Description	Code	Description
NL	Northland	HB	Hawke's Bay
NW	North West Auckland	WG	Wanganui
CA	Central Auckland	MW	Manawatu
SA	South Auckland	WR	Wairarapa
WK	Waikato	WN	Wellington
TG	Tauranga	HU	Hutt
BE	Eastern Bay of Plenty	NM	Nelson-Marlborough
GS	Gisborne	WC	West Coast
RO	Rotorua	CB	Canterbury
TP	Taupo	SC	South Canterbury
TK	Taranaki	OT	Otago
RU	Ruapehu	SO	Southland

Thirteen swabs were sent from the sentinel surveillance in the past week. Eighteen 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.