In the past week, a total of 61 consultations for influenza-like illness were reported from 80 general practices in 22 out of 24 health districts. This gives a weekly consultation rate of 16.8 per 100 000 patient population.

Figure one compares the consultation rates for influenza-like illness for each health district over the past week. Tauranga had the highest consultation rate (107.8 per 100 000), followed by Waikato (57.9 per 100 000).

Figure 2 shows the cumulative total of influenza isolates confirmed (sentinel and laboratory-based surveillance) to the end of week 24, 15 June 2007. A total of 20 influenza viruses were identified, 13 as influenza A (yet to be sub-typed), three as...
A/New Caledonia/20/99 (H1N1) – like, two as B/Malaysia/2506/2004-like, one as B/Shanghai/361/2002-like, and one as influenza B (yet to be typed).

**Figure 2: Cumulative laboratory-confirmed isolates by health district to 15 June 2007**

Figure 3 shows the weekly national consultation rates for 2005 and 2006 seasons, and 2007 so far. The current rate of influenza is lower than at the same time last year.

**Figure 3: Weekly consultation rates for influenza-like illness in New Zealand, 2005, 2006 and 2007**
Figure 4 illustrates consultation rates for influenza-like illness mapped by health district for week 24, 2007.

Figure 4

The threshold used to describe the influenza-like activity can be referred in New Zealand Public Health Report 2001, 8 (1): 9-12 “Influenza surveillance and immunisation in New Zealand, 1990-1999”

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