

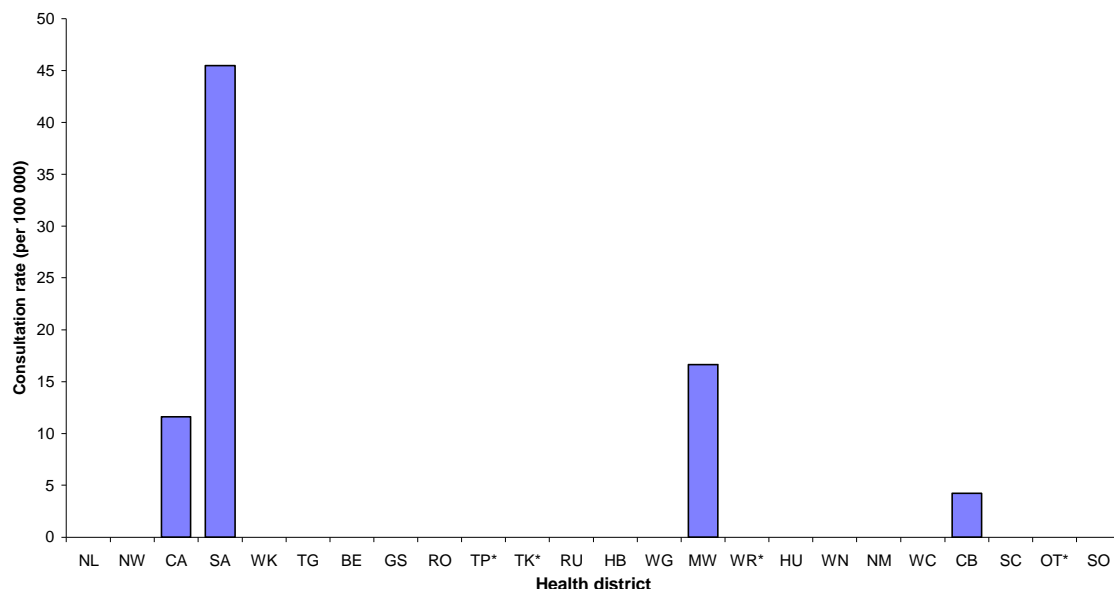
# INFLUENZA WEEKLY UPDATE

2008/18: 28 April – 2 May 2008

In the past week, a total of 13 consultations for influenza-like illness were reported from 63 general practices in 20 out of 24 health districts. This gives a weekly consultation rate of 5.6 per 100 000 patient population.

The graph below compares the consultation rates for influenza-like illness for each health district over the past week. South Auckland had the highest consultation rate (45.5 per 100 000), followed by Manawatu (16.7 per 100 000).

*Weekly consultation rates for influenza-like illness by health district  
week ending 2 May 2008*



\*Health districts did not participate for the week.

Four swabs were sent from the sentinel surveillance in the past week. One swab from Canterbury was received. The influenza virus is yet to be identified.

Two isolates, one A and one B from South Auckland were reported in the past week from the laboratory-based (non-sentinel) surveillance.

The 2007 Influenza annual report can be found at  
<http://www.surv.esr.cri.nz/virology/virology.php>

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