

During May (weeks 18 - 21), 177 consultations for influenza-like illness were reported from 75 general practices (on average) in 19 of the 20 District Health Boards (DHB). The average monthly consultation rate for May was 12.5 per 100 000 patient population.

Figure 1 compares the average monthly consultation rates for influenza-like illness for each DHB during May. Counties Manukau had the highest consultation rate (28.3 per 100 000, 1 case), followed by Auckland (27.7 per 100 000, 24 cases) and Lakes (25.4 per 100 000, 3 cases).

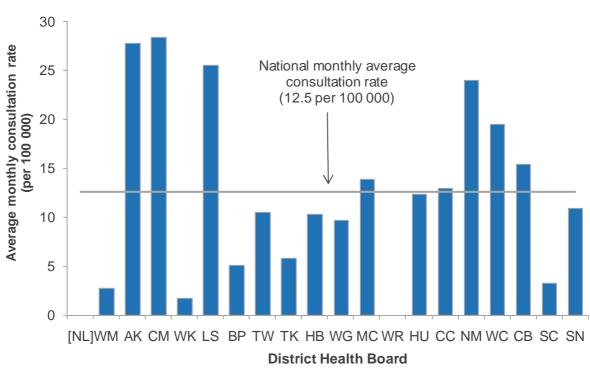


Figure 1: Average monthly consultation rates for influenza-like illness by DHB, May 2012

[] Not participating in the influenza surveillance

A total of 524 swabs were received for testing during May from sentinel (89) and nonsentinel (435) surveillance. Twelve viruses were identified from sentinel and 13 from nonsentinel surveillance. The distribution by DHB is shown in Table 1 and Table 2 respectively.

						ID	
Antigenic Strain	AK	WK	LS	ТК	NM	СВ	Total
A (Not subtyped)	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
A(H1N1)pdm09	0	1	1	0	0	2	4
A(H3N2)	0	0	0	0	1	3	4
B (Lineage not determined)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	1	1	1	1	1	7	12

## Table 1: Sentinel viruses for May 2012 by DHB

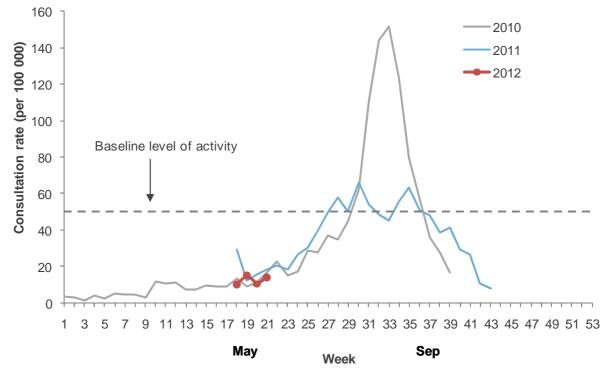
## Table 2: Non-sentinel viruses for May 2012 by DHB

Antigenic Strain	AK	CM	CB	Total
A (Not subtyped)	1	0	1	2
A(H3N2)	0	1	2	3
B (Lineage not determined)	5	1	0	6
B/Wisconsin/1/2010 - like	0	2	0	2
Total	6	4	3	13

## Table 3: DHB codes and Descriptions

DHB code	DHB	
NL	Northland	
WM	Waitemata	
AK	Auckland	
СМ	Counties Manukau	
WK	Waikato	
LS	Lakes	
BP	Bay of Plenty	
TW	Tairawhiti	
TK	Taranaki	
HB	Hawke's Bay	
WG	Whanganui	
MC	MidCentral	
WR	Wairarapa	
HU	Hutt Valley	
CC	Capital and Coast	
NM	Nelson Marlborough	
WC	West Coast	
СВ	Canterbury	
SC	South Canterbury	
SN	Southern	

Figure 2 shows the national weekly consultation rates to the end of week 21, May 2012 and rates in 2011 and 2010.





\* A weekly rate <50 ILI consultations per 100 000 patient population is considered baseline activity. A rate of 50–249 is considered indicative of normal seasonal influenza activity, and a rate of 250–399 indicative of higher than expected influenza activity. A rate >400 ILI consultations per 100 000 patient population indicates an epidemic level of influenza

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