**Influenza/ILI Update 2018**

Sentinel practice reporting in Canterbury showed low influenza-like illness rates this year.

The Canterbury Influenza Group meets monthly to plan and prepare for any regional pandemic event. For advice on preparing your practice or pharmacy for influenza or influenza-like illness, visit HealthPathways and/or see our [section on influenza](http://www.primaryhealthresponse.org.nz/plan-prepare/influenza/).

For more information on the Canterbury Influenza situation, click on the link below for the latest CPRG Update, or visit the Community & Public Health's [website](https://www.cph.co.nz/).

* [Link](http://www.primaryhealthresponse.org.nz/previous_event/cprg-update-2018-09-18/) to most recent CPRG Update
* [Link](http://www.flufree.co.nz) to CDHB Flu website
* [Link](http://www.influenza.org.nz) to NZ influenza website
* [Link](https://nzhistory.govt.nz/culture/influenza-pandemic-1918) to NZ History website
* [Link](https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/1918-influenza-pandemic/) to NZ Library Archive website

2018 marks the 100 year anniversary for the 1918 Influenza epidemic that killed over 9,000 New Zealanders.

* [Link](https://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/insight/audio/2018669523/the-next-pandemic-are-we-ready) to RadioNZ programme - The Next Pandemic Are We Ready?
* [Link](https://www.odt.co.nz/lifestyle/magazine/going-viral?utm_source=The+Bulletin&utm_campaign=1db2e7393d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_03_01_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_552336e15a-1db2e7393d-533805357) to Otago Daily Times article on Professor Robert Webster
* [Link](https://sciblogs.co.nz/public-health-expert/2018/08/28/a-100-years-ago-today-the-likely-first-nz-death-from-the-1918-influenza-pandemic/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+sciblogsnz+%28SciBlogs.co.nz%29) to Sciblogs interesting post about the first NZ death from the pandemic
* [Link](https://www.fema.gov/preptalks/barry) to FEMA article on The Next Pandemic: Lessons from History

There was an interesting article in the Otago Daily Times recently about the Otago-born Prof Robert Webster's international fight against the deadly influenza virus. Read about it and more about the 1918 and subsequent influenza epidemics [here](https://www.odt.co.nz/lifestyle/magazine/going-viral).

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