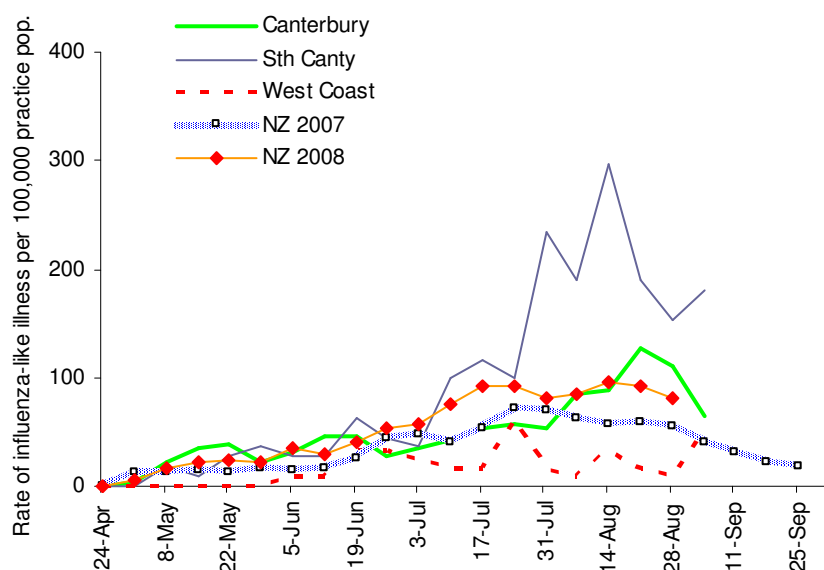


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Summary graph of influenza-like illness surveillance by 9/9 Canterbury, 3/3 South Canterbury and 2/2 West Coast medical centres for the week ending Thursday 4 September 2008.



These results should be interpreted with caution because of the relatively small ratio of sentinel practice populations to health district populations

Thresholds Used To Describe Influenza-Like Activity

| | Rate per 100,000 practice population |
|--------------------------|---|
| Baseline | ≤49 |
| Normal seasonal activity | |
| low | 50–99 |
| moderate | 100–149 |
| high | 150–249 |
| Higher than expected | 250–399 |
| Severe epidemic | >400 |

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