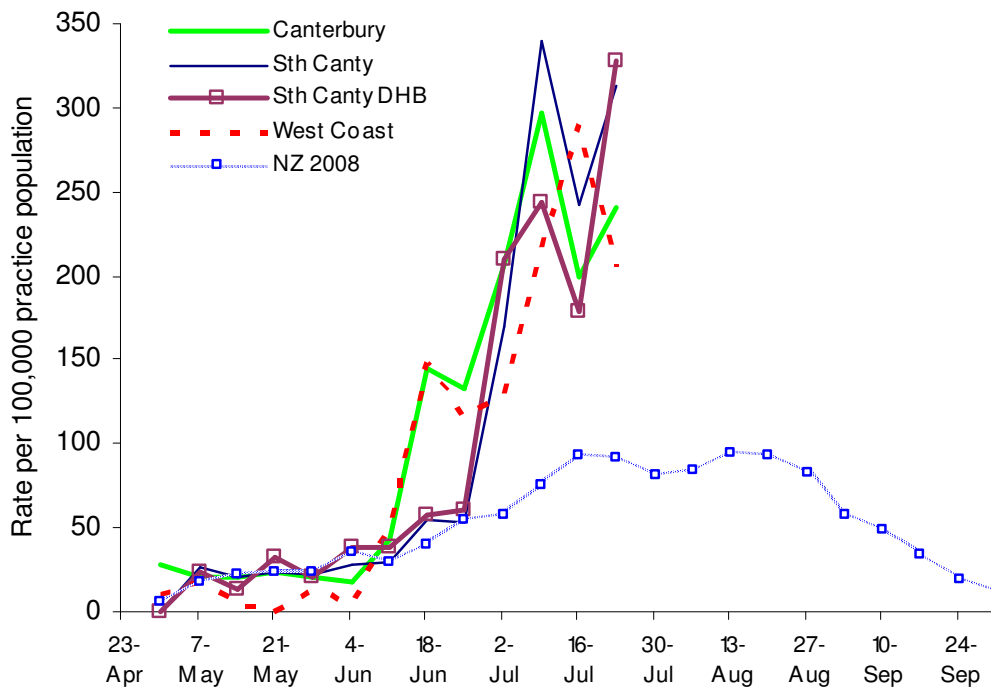


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and the SCDHB – 2009**

Summary graph of influenza-like illness surveillance by 19/23 Canterbury, 1/1 Ashburton, 5/9 South Canterbury and 6/8 West Coast sentinel medical centres for the week ending Thursday 23 July 2009, and for New Zealand 2008.



* South Canterbury Health District includes Ashburton but South Canterbury DHB doesn't.

Thresholds Used To Describe Influenza-Like Activity

	Weekly rate per 10 ⁵ 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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