

1918-1919 Influenza Pandemic Summary: San Francisco, CA

<i>CITY</i>	<i>PEAK PERIOD</i>	<i>INFECTED</i>	<i>DEATHS</i>	<i>DEATH RATE</i>
San Francisco, CA	SEP 23-FEB 1	<45,000	>3,000	673:100K

Date Summaries:

- SEP 23-1st case
- OCT 17-City leaders met to discuss epidemic strategy
- OCT 18-Bans and closures for all places of public amusement, lodge meetings, public and private schools, dances, social gatherings.
- OCT 21-Strong mask recommendations issued
- OCT 25-Masks required for every resident or visitor in public or in group over two people except at mealtimes.
- END OCT: Nearly 20,000 infected and over 1,000 deaths
- NOV 16-Bans lifted but with certain restrictions like certain theatres.
- NOV 25-School reopen but with extended days and shortened holiday breaks.
- DEC 7-2nd surge announced with volunteer masking as key strategy not more closures.
- JAN 17-Masks mandated again.
- FEB 1-Mask mandates lifted again.

Church Closures: No. Recommended services be discontinued or held outside.

Health Official: Dr. William C. Hassler, San Francisco Health Officer

Masks: Yes

Military Connections: NA

Primary Strategies: Face masks were the primary strategy then closures and bans because face masks failed as a primary strategy to control infections.

School Closures: Yes. (OCT 18-NOV 25)

Stats: Death Rate=673:100K; nearly 45,000 infected; over 3,000 deaths.

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Reference: <https://www.influenzaarchive.org/index.html> (Compilation effort of University of Michigan Center for the History of Medicine; MLibrary; University of Michigan; Centers for Disease Control; National Endowment for the Humanities; Robert Wood Johnson Foundation) **City essay data table summarized by Ron Jones, MS.*

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