

## 1918 Flu Pandemic Sources Summary

Here are the sources for this inquiry at a glance!

**Bold:** if you want a broad picture and only have time for students to analyze a few sources, we recommend starting with some of the seven bolded ones below. See our [ideas for teaching](#) page for more ways to pare the lesson down.

Source	Type	Categories	Main points
"Beware the Kiss!" September 1918	Local newspaper article	Slowing the Spread/Staying Healthy	General advice, anti-German sentiment
<b>"So the People May Know"</b> <b>October 4, 1918</b>	Local newspaper article	Slowing the Spread/Staying Healthy Sickness and Statistics	Describes symptoms, treatments, and precautions
<b>State Board of Health Closing Order</b> <b>October 9, 1918</b>	Local newspaper article	Economy and Closures	Schools, churches, etc. closing Rise in deaths
"Hand the Flu a Lemon!" October 9, 1918	Local newspaper article	Slowing the Spread/Staying Healthy	Lemons promoted as a cure for the Flu
Hospital Preparation October 10, 1918	Local newspaper article	Medical Care	Local hospital being rushed to meet Flu treatment needs
Football Games Postponed October 12, 1918	Local newspaper article	Economy and Closures Public Reaction	Football games cancelled for the Flu. Mentions military regulations too
<b>Red Cross Warning</b> <b>October 17, 1918</b>	Local newspaper article	Public Reaction Slowing the Spread/Staying Healthy	Red cross warning against people who make light of the flu, emphasizes masks
"Flu Nurses are Greatly in Demand" October 17, 1918	Local newspaper article	Medical Care	Describes nurse shortage. Also mentions collecting fruit pits for WWI
"Fort Douglas is Now Quarantined"	Local newspaper article	Slowing the Spread/Staying Healthy	Details what the Fort Douglas quarantine

October 17, 1918		Economy and Closures	looked like
<b>"Disease at Apex"</b> <b>October 20, 1918</b>	Local newspaper article	Sickness and Statistics Medical Care	Explains expectations for a drop in cases
"A Sure Way to Get a Seat" Comic October 21, 1918	Local newspaper comic/cartoon	Public Reaction	Funny depiction of coughing so everyone moves for you
<b>"Wearing of Masks Made Mandatory"</b> <b>October 26, 1918</b>	Local newspaper article	Slowing the Spread/Staying Healthy Medical Care	Describes crisis near peak of the Flu, emphasizes masks Mentions vaccine
"To Prevent Influenza!" October 28, 1918	Connecticut newspaper article	Slowing the Spread/Staying Healthy	Gives advice to stay healthy with clear and simple wording
Masked Shopper 1918	Image	Slowing the Spread/Staying Healthy	Shows a woman wearing a mask outside for shopping
Salt Lake City Flu Statistics October 29, 1918	Local newspaper article	Sickness and Statistics	Quantitative data about Flu in SLC
BYU Students Wearing Masks Around 1918	Image	Slowing the Spread/Staying Healthy	Shows college students all wearing masks indoors
<b>"Homes of Victims to be Placarded"</b> <b>October 30, 1918</b>	Local newspaper article	Slowing the Spread/Staying Healthy Sickness and Statistics	A little of everything. Quarantines, vaccines, ages 18-40 hit hardest, closures.
"Quarantine Order is Not Enforced Here" November 8, 1918	Local newspaper article	Public Reaction	Shows controversy over mask mandates and closures
Malted Milk Advertisement November 13, 1918	Local newspaper article	Slowing the Spread/Staying Healthy	Promotes malted milk as helpful against the Flu
Reopening Postponed November 15, 1918	Local newspaper article Mandated closures	Economy and Closures Sickness and Statistics	Flu bans lifting, pleas for cooperation. Mentions what we'd call a "super spreader" event

Hand Washing Advertisement November 21, 1918	Pennsylvania newspaper ad	Slowing the Spread/Staying Healthy	Promotes a certain soap while advising people to wash their hands frequently
Home Study December 2, 1918	University newspaper article	Economy and Closures	U of U expands home study programs for students off campus during the Flu Links to war efforts
<b>"Salt Lake Lively as Flu Ban is Lifted"</b> <b>December 7, 1918</b>	Local newspaper article	Economy and Closures	Describes the return to activity in SLC as closures ended
Raymond Foster Obituary December 10, 1918	Local newspaper obituary	Sickness and Statistics	Obituary of a young man Shows youth impact
"Fight the 'Flu'" December 13, 1918	Local newspaper article	Slowing the Spread/Staying Healthy	Shows serious/intense nature of regulations Mentions vaccine
Anti-Mask Meeting January 25, 1919	California newspaper article	Public Reaction	Shows controversy over mask mandates
"Women Flu Victims Are Losing Their Hair" March 23, 1919	Local newspaper comic	Sickness and Statistics Public Reaction	Comical depiction of women losing their hair after having the Flu
Taking Temperature 1919	Image from college yearbook	Slowing the Spread/Staying Healthy Medical Care	Shows a group of women with thermometers, checking for the Flu
George's Story Retold 1973, 1998	Handed-down story	Public Reaction	Describes compassion amid hard Flu times