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[Pandemic History in Norwalk and Beyond - A Spotlight on 1918, Part I](#)

Front pages from [Newsbank Historical Newspaper Database](#)

["Epidemic is on a slight increase"](#) *The Norwalk Hour*, Sept. 26, 1918

["Epidemic has 114 New Cases today"](#) *The Norwalk Hour*, October 15, 1918

["The 1918 Influenza Epidemic in Connecticut"](#)

The Journal of Infectious Diseases, Mar., 1920, Vol. 26, No. 3

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/pdf/30084431.pdf>

[Pandemic History in Connecticut - A Spotlight on 1918, Part II](#)

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As we move through the month of September, the Norwalk History Room has continued to dive into pandemic history in Connecticut and beyond! In part II of this month's pandemic series, the first historical resource on this topic comes from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In the CDC's pandemic history overview, curious researchers can find an overview of the 1918 influenza complete with a historical photo gallery featuring several American cities, a timeline of the pandemic and an infographic of "pandemic milestones" from 1917 through 2009. Learn more here: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pandemic-resources/1918-commemoration/1918-pandemic-history.htm>

Now for a resource with a focus closer to home...

Interested in researching how the 1918 pandemic impacted Connecticut specifically?

In Connecticut, the 1918 pandemic created ripple effects throughout the state and made history worldwide as it overlapped in occurrence with World War I. *ConnecticutHistory.org* is a resource that captures various statistics from that time, while providing additional links to learn about Connecticut history. Discover more here: <https://connecticuthistory.org/eighty-five-hundred-souls-the-1918-1919-flu-epidemic-in-connecticut/>

Also, the State Department of Health's bulletin from April of 1919 (Connecticut Health Bulletin, vol. 33, no. 4) provides more statistical insights where Norwalk is specifically cited. View the bulletin here: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DPH/dph/infectious_diseases/flu/pdf/Connecticut-Health-Bulletin-April-1919.pdf

We hope these resources on the 1918 influenza pandemic are helpful for your research endeavors! If you wish to find out more about the Norwalk History Room, please go to our [webpage](http://www.norwalkpl.org/162/Norwalk-History-Room) on the NPL website: <http://www.norwalkpl.org/162/Norwalk-History-Room>