

The 1918 Flu Pandemic

Saturday 12 May 1pm to 2.30pm



The 1918 flu pandemic was a lethal outbreak of influenza which infected 500 million people around the world, including remote Pacific islands and the Arctic, and resulted in the deaths of 50 to 100 million (three to five percent of the world's population) making it one of the deadliest natural disasters in human history. It killed the young and not the old, and was spread around the world by troops returning home after the First World War. It was known as Spanish flu because the other warring countries of Europe would not admit to having it – Spain did because it was neutral, and its King almost died. Discover the effects of this outbreak and the efforts to counteract it.

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