

A/England Variety Influenza—

'London' Flu Detected in Several Communities

Influenza is on the move again around the State, with outbreaks having been recorded in Ketchikan and Metlakatla during

early December.

In a few cases influenza virus of the A/England variety, or the so-called "London Flu", has

been confirmed as the culprit. It appears that the disease has since spread to Juneau, Kake, Petersburg and probably Fairbanks, and can be expected to spread elsewhere throughout the State.

Increased numbers of cases have been reported from Eielson Air Force Base as well as within the community itself.

The disease is generally one of abrupt onset, high fever, headaches and muscle ache, dizziness and bronchitis. Acute illness lasts 2-5 days, followed by a week or more of bronchitis.

People who received the usual flu immunization last Fall appear to have a reasonable amount of protection against this slightly different variety.

In any event, obtaining a flu shot now is not likely to afford sufficient immunity against this season's outbreak.