

Many New Cases of Influenza Alarm Southern Cities

Riverside Closes All Theaters; Los Angeles Has 416 New Cases

LOS ANGELES, November 25.—Cases of influenza reported for the first time to the Health Department here numbered today 416, accompanied by forty-two deaths from the same disease. Of the new cases, 328 developed during the past week, while twenty-one developed in October.

The City Council, at a heated session, declined by one vote to rescind an emergency ordinance under which schools, churches and theaters have been closed for the past six weeks.

A further meeting of the health board and an advisory committee was to be held late today to consider whether existing restrictions should be either removed or enlarged.

SACRAMENTO, November 25. — An ordinance requiring the wearing of gauze masks in Sacramento as a protection against Spanish influenza will be revoked tomorrow by the City Commission, it was announced today. Only two new cases of influenza have been reported here since Saturday. The mask ordinance was adopted October 28 last.

RIVERSIDE, November 25. — The Riverside Board of Health this afternoon issued an order for the indefinite closing of schools, churches, theaters, poolrooms, and other places of public resort, ordered all indoor and outdoor meetings of all descriptions discontinued, and announced that the town would remain closed until the influenza situation, reported to be growing worse, was again under control.

There are four hospitals here and each is full to capacity with influenza patients.