

4,214 New Cases of Influenza in State

SACRAMENTO, December 11.—The secondary wave of the Spanish influenza epidemic is rapidly developing in California, Guy P. Jones, assistant to the secretary of the State Board of Health, announced this afternoon. New cases reported today were 4,214, thus bringing the total number in the State to 188,000.

With the flare-up of the disease are coming frantic telegrams from desert towns in Southern California frantically appealing for doctors and nurses, Jones declared. In El Cajon, San Diego county; Blythe, Riverside county, and Barstow, San Bernardino county, the situation is acute, he said, and emergency physicians are being sent to these towns tonight by the State Board.

In order to supply the emergency physicians the State board will have to use money from its own funds, as the public health service withdrew aid when the epidemic recently subsided in the East. The board has requested the public health service for further assistance for stricken communities.

Los Angeles today reported 825 new cases, San Francisco 249 cases and San Diego 173 cases. No reports of deaths have been received, but the health authorities believe that the mortality will not be as high as in the first wave of the epidemic.

Due to the increase in influenza in Sacramento a meeting of doctors has been called by the city health board to discuss the advisability of re-masking.