

# HASSLER CALLS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Health Officer Declares Influenza  
Situation Grave and Urges  
Renewed Precautions.

Volunteer nurses and caretakers for influenza patients are badly needed by the Board of Health, according to an urgent appeal made yesterday by Dr. William C. Hassler, City Health Officer.

Some relief was afforded by the arrival of 50 apprentice nurses from Mare Island, but there were 40 more calls for nurses on file at the Health Office last night which could not be filled.

Teachers in the public schools today will wear gauze masks, under instructions from the Board of Education, and all pupils have been requested to wear masks.

Dr. Hassler yesterday said that in the first five days of January, 1,800 new cases of influenza had been reported and 101 deaths were attributed to the disease.

In December there were 6,530 new cases and 414 deaths.

Declaring that the situation is serious, he said:

We must have more nurses and caretakers. Private hospitals are filled and we have taken a number of patients to the San Francisco Hospital who would rather have gone elsewhere but could not owing to lack of accommodations.

Dr. Hassler said he had made no further request that the Board of Supervisors enact a new mask ordinance, adding that "the initiative must come from some other source."