

Reports received by the Board of Health show a rapid improvement in the epidemic situation in the following cities, where the citizens have been compelled by law to wear masks: San Rafael, Sacramento, Stockton, San Jose, Berkeley, Alameda and Redwood City.

"Laxity in continuing the preventive measures against the influenza would cause an immediate flareup," was the warning of Dr. W. C. Hassler, health officer, last night. "With the steady arrival of citizens in this city daily from Southern California, where the disease continues, we must be cautious for some time. San Francisco's health rapidly is returning to normal, due to the masks, and to keep our health we must continue wearing them."

Not alone has the wearing of masks routed "Old Man Flu," but records at the Board of Health show a falling off in other communicable diseases, which records show are generally prevalent at this season of the year.

POLICE MAKE ARRESTS.

The police continued their enforcement of the mask ordinance yesterday with many arrests, and the police judges impressed fines on those citizens who were neglectful.

At the San Francisco Hospital, after removing all the old patients back to the institution from the Relief Home, where they were taken to make room for influenza sufferers, there were still vacant beds, with no new cases booked. For the past two months the hospital has been crowded to capacity with influenza patients.

The Anti-Mask League announces a meeting at 8 o'clock this evening at Dreamland Rink. The title of the organization explains the object of the meeting and Mrs. E. C. Harrington is announced as presiding officer. Among the speakers announced are Dr. C. F. Buckley, Eugene E. Schmitz, Dr. J. P. Rein, Dr. Margaret Mahoney, the Rev. Thomas Parker Boyd, C. F. Welsh, W. S. Scott and Mrs. C. E. Grosjean.

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83 New Cases and Ten Deaths
Yesterday's Sharp Contrast
With 366 and 41 on Jan. 20.

Cities Where Mask Wearing Is
Made Compulsory Show a Cor-
responding Epidemic Decrease

Date.	New Cases.	Deaths.
January 10	612	37
January 11	365	43
January 12	520	26
January 13	363	40
January 14	469	41
January 15	510	50
January 16	538	46
*January 17	519	39
January 18	504	26
January 19	490	16
January 20	366	41
January 21	170	19
January 22	152	11
January 23	118	11
January 24	83	20

*Mask law became effective.

Spanish influenza continued to decline rapidly yesterday, not alone in San Francisco but in seven other Northern California communities where the wearing of the gauze mask is compulsory.

In this city there were only 83 new cases reported for the past 24 hours up until 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Of this total 31 were by telephone and 52 by mail.

Deaths reported here yesterday totaled 20.

This is in sharp contrast to the number of new cases and deaths reported five days ago, when the mask-wearing ordinance actually became enforced by the police. On that date, last Monday, there were 366 cases and 41 deaths.