
Readings: A Selection

- W. I. B. Beveridge, *Influenza: The Last Great Plague*, Heinemann, London, 1977.
Concise, non-technical account of the epidemic behavior of influenza.
- Alfred W. Crosby, Jr., *Epidemic and Peace, 1918*, Greenwood Press, Westport, Connecticut, 1976.
Comprehensive, non-technical account of the great influenza pandemic of 1918-19.
- Comptroller General of the United States, *The Swine Flu Program: An Unprecedented Venture in Preventive Medicine*, Report to the Congress, June 27, 1977.
Reviews planning and operation of the swine flu program and offers recommendations.
- The Journal of Infectious Diseases*, Volume 136, Supplement, December 1977.
Reports presented at a symposium sponsored by NIAID, BoB and CDC in January 1977. Introductory papers contain detailed accounts of investigations surrounding identification of swine flu in New Jersey; others deal with clinical studies of swine influenza vaccine.
- Edwin D. Kilbourne (editor), *The Influenza Viruses and Influenza*, Academic Press, New York, 1975.
Excellent, authoritative textbook.
- June Osborn (editor), *Influenza in America 1918-1976*, Prodist, New York, 1977.
Based on a symposium concerning the history, science and politics of influenza held at a meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine in May 1977.
- Philip Selby (editor), *Influenza: Virus, Vaccine and Strategy*, Academic Press, London, 1976.
Papers presented at a conference on pandemic influenza in January 1976; the state of expert thinking just prior to isolation of swine flu in New Jersey.
- Sir Charles H. Stuart-Harris and Geoffrey C. Schild, *Influenza: The Viruses and the Disease*, Publishing Sciences Group, Littleton, Massachusetts, 1976.
Technical but well written summary of knowledge in the field.
- United States Senate, *Hearings, Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, Ninety-fourth Congress, Second Session, April 1 and August 5, 1976*.
Contemporary introduction to the swine flu program's logic and intentions. The August hearing deals with liability.
- House of Representatives, *Supplemental Hearings, Subcommittee on Health and the Environment, Com-*

mittee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, Ninety-fourth Congress, Second Session, Serial No. 94-113, June 28, July 20, 23 and September 13, 1976.

Wide-ranging discussion of the swine flu program; emphasizes liability issues. Detail on positions of drug and insurance firms as well as public officials.