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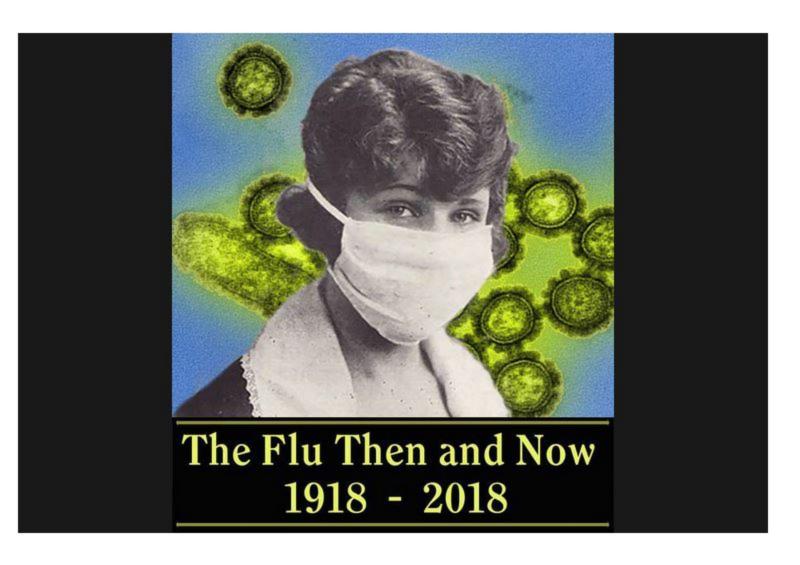




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CHARLESTON – "The Flu Then and Now: 1918 to 2018," an exhibit commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 1918 flu pandemic, will be on display at Booth Library on the campus of Eastern Illinois University from Sept. 13 through Dec. 31, 2018.



In 1918, an estimated 500 million people (one-third of the world's population) were infected with the H1N1 flu virus, and at least 50 million died. This exhibit and related programs take a closer look at this historic flu pandemic and how the flu affected life at EIU and in Charleston, both in 1918 and today.

This series provides historical information on the 1918 influenza pandemic as well as providing a current public health perspective on influenza. Topics of contagion, vaccination and infection will be covered from a historical, medical and social perspective. Coverage of the flu epidemic in the press will be explored. Local public health experts will cover measures taken to control future epidemics.

Following is a complete schedule of programming related to the exhibit:

Opening program: Sept. 13, 7 p.m., "1918 Influenza: Impact, Implications and Uncertainty," by Sheila Simons, professor of health promotion; library West Reading Room.

Oct. 1, 4 p.m., "Influenza and Infection Prevention – Can you say FLU, SARS, MERS CoV?" by Ramona Tomshack, RN, infection preventionist, Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center; library Witters Conference Room 4440.

Oct. 9 and Oct. 11, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 1918 menu at The Café, led by Richard Wilkinson, professor; 1414 Klehm Hall; \$6.

Oct. 16, 4 p.m., "The Importance of Vaccinating for the Flu ... Vaccinate Your Crew," by Michele Hartke, nurse practitioner, Health Education Resource Center; library Witters Conference Room 4440.

Oct. 23, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., flu shot clinic for EIU students, faculty and staff, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Oct. 30, 4 p.m., "Immunity and Contagion: Living in the Age of Bio-politics," by C.C. Wharram, professor and director of Center for the Humanities; library Witters Conference Room 4440.

Nov. 7, 3 p.m., film screening and discussion: "1918" (Foote, 1985), discussion led by Lynne Curry, professor of history; library Witters Conference Room 4440.

Nov. 14, 3-4:15 p.m., poster presentations by History 4950 students of Professor Lynne Curry, library West Reading Room.

All programs are free unless otherwise noted, and the public is invited. "The Flu Then and Now: 1918 to 2018" exhibit can be viewed anytime the library is open.

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