

Types of Influenza

A

- The more serious type of flu
- Causes the most illness during epidemics
- Originates from birds, transmitted from birds to humans
- Can also be transmitted between humans and pigs
- The most likely to mutate, occasionally causes pandemics

B

- Can cause epidemics
- Mainly affects young children
- Causes less severe illness than Type A
- Responsible for smaller outbreaks than Type A

C

- Outbreaks are less common than Types A & B
- Can infect / cause illness in people and pigs
- Usually causes mild illness, similar to the Common Cold

D

- Known to infect cattle and pigs
- Not known to infect people
- Originally thought to be a subtype of Type C