This research guide is the primary source materials regarding the 1918 Influenza pandemic, also known as the Spanish Flu, held at the Bates Center. All collection guides can be located at nursing.upenn.edu/history/archive-collections/ and selecting Finding Aids and Inventories.

**Albert Einstein Medical Center School of Nursing records, MC 88**
Annual Report for the Hospital ending in 1918 includes number of influenza patients, as well as report of the training school for nurses.

**Brandywine Home Health Agency records, MC 69**
Annual Report and board minutes discussing the activities of the association in the region of Coatesville, a suburban/rural area near Philadelphia.

**Edith Nunan collection, MC 80**
A history of Philadelphia General Hospital during the pandemic.

**Episcopal Hospital (Philadelphia) records, MC 155**
Minutes from the Board of Directors for the Hospital.

**Lankenau Hospital School of Nursing records, MC 98**
Annual Report for the Hospital ending in 1918 includes number of influenza patients, as well as report of the training school for nurses.

**Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing records, MC 35**
Annual Report for the Hospital ending in 1918 includes number of influenza patients, as well as report of the training school for nurses. Also includes the student ledgers of all the student nurses for their assignments while at school, including illness and absentees.

**Visiting Nurse Association of Allegheny, MC 106**
Aftermath reports of the Influenza Committee for the Pittsburgh area.

**Visiting Nurse Association of Hudson Valley, records, MC 249**
Annual Report of the association’s activities in rural New York.

**Visiting Nurse Society of Philadelphia records, MC 5B**
Meeting minutes and reports depicting the VNSoP’s activities during the pandemic. In addition a scrapbook of newspaper clippings that discuss the VNSoP from 1918 thru 1919.

**Women’s Auxiliary of the Hospital of University of Pennsylvania’s Ward G (Children’s Ward) minutes, MC 166**
Annual Report for the Social Services depicts illness of children and their home situations.

**Ellen D. Baer papers, MC 126**
Within this collection documents nurses from St Vincent's Hospital in NYC who were sent to the WWI warfront & were involved in the pandemic of 1918. Baer wrote an article about it, “Letters to Miss Sanborn” as in the short lived journal of the Society for Nursing History and has copies of the letters the nurses wrote to St. Vincent about the war & pandemic.

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The Genesis of the 1918 Spanish Influenza Pandemic https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=48Kic3DPdtk


