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## The 1919 Flu In Missouri

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For my research I have been collecting information from death records during the 1919 pandemic in St. Louis Missouri. I am focusing solely on records with flu or pneumonia related deaths. See database: https://sl.sos.mo.gov/records/Archives/ArchivesMvc/DeathCertificates/ For my project I want to prepare a poster out of word documents with varying texts and images. I will gather more information to paint the picture of what life looked like from an overall perspective during this time. In order to accomplish this, I will be looking at different newspapers and other sources local to the city of St. Louis. I will be looking at factors that impacted the quality of life during this time period such as the: unemployment rate, wars, healthcare, and what measures were implemented for the pandemic. This will beneficial by providing insight into how the pandemic affected life and how it was either worsened or lessened by the actions of society.

This will contribute to the project "1918 flu in Missouri" by helping to complete data collection from primary sources. The focus on 1919 is important because the 3<sup>rd</sup> wave of the pandemic happened in early 1919, but we don't know that much about the non-pharmaceutical interventions put in place during that period.

Historical society website: https://shsmo.org/