

Country Squires Presentation on January 9, 2020

Influenza: Mother Nature's Worst WMD (Weapon of Mass Disease)

Presented by Paul Etkind, DrPH, MPH

Morris Edwards will introduce January's speaker. Dr. Paul Etkind is a retired public health epidemiologist who focused on infectious diseases. He worked for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the City of Nashua, and two non-profit public health membership organizations in Washington, DC. He graduated from Clark University in Worcester, MA and earned his Masters and doctoral degrees in epidemiology from Yale University.

Paul will discuss influenza, ("Mother Nature's worst weapon of mass disease, or WMD") which is an issue that can be so concerning that it keeps public health officials up at night. He will outline the talk with a discussion of its biology, its natural history, its record in human history, and its infamy from the greatest pandemic ever recorded, that of the pandemic of 1918, often referred to as "Spanish flu."