

Attachment K: Influenza Reporting Checklist



When to Report Influenza and Submit Clinical Materials 2005-2006 Season

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Note to U.S. Influenza Sentinel Providers: These guidelines do not apply to you. Refer to MDH website.

	Common questions	Before MDH announces 1 st confirmed influenza case of season	After MDH announces 1 st confirmed influenza case of season	Whenever unusual or critical influenza case criteria are met*
FOR PROVIDERS	Do I call or fax report to MDH within 24 hours?	No	No	Yes
	Do I need to send a blue card to MDH?	No	No	Yes
FOR LABORATORIES	Do I submit specimens from suspected or confirmed cases to MDH-PHL?	Yes	MDH-PHL requests 3-5 samples from rapid tests at the early, mid, and late stages of flu season	Yes
	Do I submit viral culture isolates to MDH-PHL?	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Do I submit positive samples from rapid, non-culture assays or serology tests to MDH-PHL?	Yes	MDH-PHL requests 3-5 samples from rapid tests at the early, mid, and late stages of flu season	Yes
	Do I submit original specimens (i.e., nasal/aspirate washes, N/P, throat, or nasal swabs) to MDH-PHL?	MDH-PHL prefers viral culture isolates or samples from rapid tests but will accept original specimens under certain circumstances. Call MDH-PHL before submitting an original specimen.		

***Always report unusual or critical cases to MDH within 24 hours, including:**

- Critical cases or deaths related to influenza in otherwise healthy individuals of any age
- Influenza related deaths in children < 18 years of age
- Influenza related encephalopathy/encephalitis in children < 18 years of age
- Influenza and staphylococcal co-infection
- Hospitalized pregnant women with suspected or confirmed influenza

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