

Screening Form for H1N1 Influenza Testing

1. TESTING CRITERIA: *Testing is limited to patients who meet one of the criteria below.

Testing Criteria - PLEASE READ GUIDANCE and REFER TO THE CDC ALGORITHM on p.2

Please check appropriate box:

- A. At this time, **NO** specimens from suspect cases with mild ILI* should be sent to the Georgia Public Health Laboratory for testing.
- B. Testing can be considered for the following **hospitalized** patients (as approved by Public Health):
- Patients **hospitalized** with ILI*
 - Infants, persons ≥ 65 yrs, or persons with a compromised immune system who are **hospitalized** with a sepsis-like syndrome, if H1N1 influenza is suspected and other causes are less likely. (see #4 in attached algorithm)

***Influenza-like illness (ILI)** is defined as an illness with fever ($\geq 100^\circ$ F) AND cough and/or sore throat (in the absence of a known cause other than influenza).

Exposures: (If known - this is for epidemiologic purposes, NOT testing criteria.)

- History of travel to a community with documented H1N1 influenza activity
- Close contact (approx. 6 feet) of an ill patient who was confirmed or suspected to have H1N1 influenza
- Worked with live novel influenza A virus in a laboratory
- Part of an identified cluster or outbreak of influenza-like illness (e.g. institutional setting, social event, etc)
- Healthcare provider caring for ill patient with confirmed or suspected to have H1N1 influenza
- No known exposure

Laboratory Testing:

Testing is considered only for patients suspected to have H1N1 infections AND **meet the one of the criteria in #1)**. Consultation with an epidemiologist at the District Health Department (<http://health.state.ga.us/regional/index.asp>) or the Georgia Division of Public Health (404-657-2588) MUST be obtained prior to the submission of clinical specimens.

****Please be sure to follow infection control guidance (available at http://cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidelines_infection_control.htm) during specimen collection****

CONTACT INFORMATION:

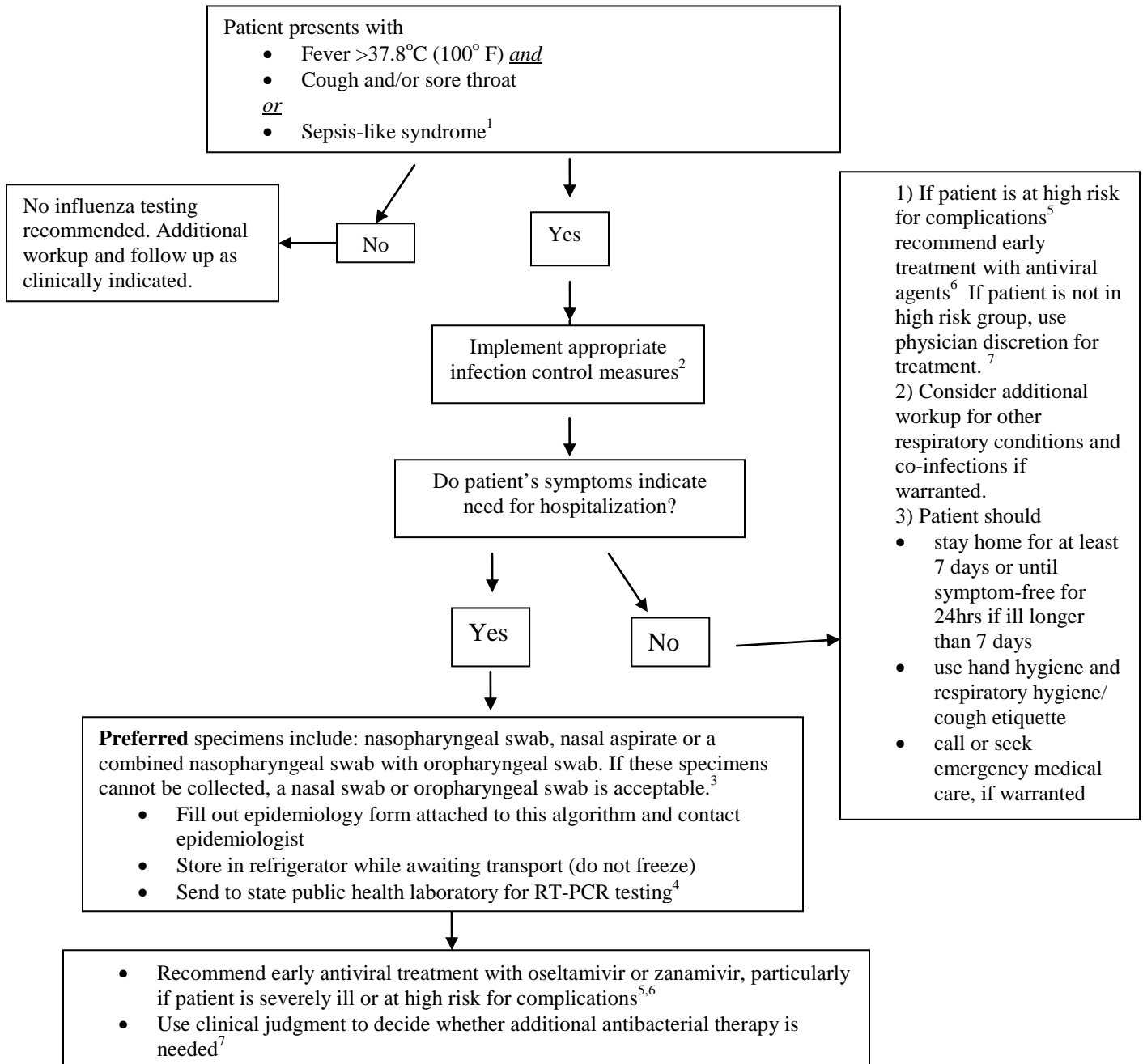
Date of call to Epidemiologist ____/____/____	Epidemiologist Consulted _____
Physician Name _____	Physician Phone _____
Hospital Name _____	Date of Hospitalization _____
Patient Name _____	Date of Birth ____/____/____ Age _____ Gender _____
Patient Address _____	City _____ Zip _____ County _____
Patient Home Phone _____	Cell (Other) Phone _____

SPECIMEN(S) SUBMITTED _____ (Date/time)

Please FAX this completed form to the Georgia Division of Public Health (404) 657-9700 or (404) 657-7517, **following consultation with an epidemiologist at your district or the state health department.**

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Algorithm for clinicians to assist in decisions on testing and treatment for H1N1 (swine flu) virus



1. As with seasonal influenza, infants, adults ≥ 65 years-old, and persons with compromised immune systems may have atypical presentations.
 2. Information on infection control can be found at: http://cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidelines_infection_control.htm
 3. For more information on specimen collection, please see <http://cdc.gov/h1n1flu/specimencollection.htm>
 4. Real-time polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) is the preferred laboratory test for identifying H1N1 (swine flu) virus. For more information, please see <http://cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/>
 5. Persons at high risk of complications: Children less than 5 years old; persons aged 65 years or older; children and adolescents (aged 6 months–18 years) who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy and who might be at risk for experiencing Reye syndrome after influenza virus infection; pregnant women; adults and children who have chronic pulmonary, cardiovascular, hepatic, hematological, neurologic, neuromuscular, or metabolic disorders; adults and children who have immunosuppression (including immunosuppression caused by medications or by HIV); and residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities.
 6. Information on use of antiviral agents can be found at: <http://cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/>
 7. Interim guidance for clinicians is available at: <http://cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/>
Please note: these algorithms do not apply to providers participating in the US Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet). For information related to ILINet see: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivity.htm> or contact the Influenza Surveillance Coordinator at 404 463 4625.