

COVID-19, INFLUENZA, AND RSV November 10, 2022

Situational Update

COVID-19, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) activity has been increasing in Sacramento County in the last few weeks. Reports of influenza-associated ICU cases have already been reported to [Sacramento County Public Health](#) (SCPH). Please see below for information on vaccination and masking and RSV reporting requirements for this influenza season.

Vaccination and Masking

For patient and staff safety, Sacramento County Public Health will mandate the influenza vaccination policy for all healthcare facilities in Sacramento County. Under the State's [Guidance for the Use of Face Masks](#), all individuals in healthcare settings are still required to wear surgical masks or higher-level respirators (e.g., N95s, KN95s, KF94s) regardless of vaccination status.

Actions Requested of Health Care Systems and Clinicians:

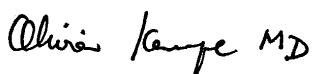
1. **Report** electronically to SCPH – via CalREDIE or confidential fax at (916) 854-9709 – the following laboratory-confirmed cases:
 - Influenza: ICU and deaths of all ages; outbreaks
 - Novel influenza viruses (e.g. H5N1, H7N9)
 - **RSV: ICU and deaths in children <5 years old; outbreaks**

Medical records (e.g., admission notes, lab results, discharge summary, vaccination info) for **all** ICU and fatal cases should be uploaded into the CalREDIE filing cabinet or faxed.

2. **Test** patients with severe influenza-like illness for influenza, COVID-19, and RSV.
3. **Offer** the influenza and COVID-19 vaccination/booster to all health care workers, especially those with direct patient contact. Refer to your organization for questions related to exemptions.
4. **Encourage** influenza and COVID-19 vaccination/booster for any patient six months of age or older and pneumococcal vaccination for patients and health care workers at an increased risk for pneumococcal disease.
5. **Implement** infection control precautions as appropriate.
6. **Treat** with antivirals (e.g. oseltamivir, zanamivir, peramivir, baloxavir) as early as possible any patient confirmed or suspected to have influenza who is 1) hospitalized, 2) has severe, complicated, or progressive illness, 3) is a higher risk for influenza complications.

For information about influenza, visit the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention's \(CDC\)](#), the [California Department of Public Health's \(CDPH\)](#), or [SCPH's](#) influenza websites. For information about immunization services, contact the Sacramento County Immunization Assistance Program at 916-875-SHOT (7468).

Sincerely,



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