



County of Sacramento

INFLUENZA HEALTH ADVISORY
November 1, 2016

Situational Update

The 2016/2017 influenza season officially started on Sunday, October 2nd. Currently, there are no reports of influenza-related deaths or ICU admissions in Sacramento County this influenza season; however surrounding counties are seeing an increase in activity. Therefore the Sacramento County Division of Public Health is implementing the influenza masking mandate policy for all health care workers with direct patient contact as of November 1, 2016. Please see the actions requested of clinicians below:

Actions Requested of All Clinicians

1. **Implement masking policy** for all Health Care Workers with *direct patient contact*.
2. **Offer** influenza vaccination to all Health Care Workers, especially those with direct patient contact.
3. **Implement** infection control precautions.
 - All persons with FEVER and COUGH should wear a face mask, if tolerated in health care settings.
 - All persons with Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) should stay at home until 24 hours after fever resolves, except patients that require medical evaluation and care.
4. **Treat** early with oseltamivir or zanamivir patients with suspected or confirmed influenza who are hospitalized for severe illness or who are at higher risk for influenza-associated complications.
5. **Encourage** influenza vaccination for anyone 6 months of age and older and pneumococcal vaccination for those at increased risk of pneumococcal disease. As Healthcare providers, be a good example and get vaccinated.
6. **Report** to Sacramento County Division of Public Health (SCDPH) electronically via CalREDIE or via confidential fax (916) 854-9709 the following laboratory-confirmed cases of seasonal influenza:
 - Intensive Care Unit (ICU) cases under age 65 admitted for influenza
 - All deaths due to influenza complications
 - Novel strains of influenza (e.g., Avian influenza H7N9) regardless of hospitalization /vital status
 - All outbreaks of influenzaMedical records (e.g., H&P, labs, discharge summary, maternal vaccine) for deaths and ICU cases under age 65 should be uploaded into the CalREDIE filing cabinet or sent via confidential fax (916) 854-9709.

For information about becoming an influenza sentinel provider, contact the California Department of Public Health Immunization Branch at InfluenzaSurveillance@cdph.ca.gov or 510-620-3737.

For information about immunization services or client referrals to influenza clinics, please contact the Sacramento County Immunization Assistance Program at 916-875-SHOT (7468) Mon.-Fri. 8am-5pm.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Olivia Kasirye MD in black ink.

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