



**County of Sacramento**

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**INFLUENZA HEALTH ADVISORY**  
**April 1, 2017**

**Situational Update**

Sacramento County Division of Public Health (SCDPH) is lifting the masking mandate policy as of April 1, 2017. Please note that influenza activity remains “widespread” in California as of Week 11 and circulation of influenza B may still increase. For the 2016-2017 influenza season, SCDPH has received 38 reports of influenza-associated intensive care unit hospitalizations among patients <65 years old and five influenza-associated deaths in patients <65 years old according to preliminary data. The following actions are still requested of all clinicians:

**Actions Requested of All Clinicians**

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **Continue to Offer** influenza vaccination to all Health Care Workers, especially those with direct patient contact.
5. **Continue to 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.

For information about becoming an influenza sentinel provider, contact the California Department of Public Health Immunization Branch at [InfluenzaSurveillance@cdph.ca.gov](mailto: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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