



County of Sacramento

INFLUENZA HEALTH ADVISORY
ENDING MASKING MANDATE
April 30, 2018

Situational Update

Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) is lifting the masking mandate policy as of April 30, 2018. Influenza activity is decreasing in California and is now considered to be at the “local” level with elevated activity in some parts of the State. As of 4/21/2018, SCPH has confirmed 106 cases of influenza-associated intensive care unit (ICU) admissions and 17 influenza-associated deaths among those less than 65 years old. Please see the actions requested of healthcare systems and clinicians below.

Actions Requested of Healthcare Systems and Clinicians:

1. **Report** to SCPH electronically – via CalREDIE or confidential fax at (916) 854-9709 – the following laboratory-confirmed influenza cases:
 - *ICU* cases under 65 years old
 - *Deaths* under 65 years old
 - *Novel strains* of influenza (e.g., Avian influenza H7N9) regardless of age, hospitalization, or vital status
 - *Outbreaks* of influenzaMedical records (e.g., H&P, labs, discharge summary, maternal vaccine) for ICU and fatal cases under age 65 years old should be uploaded into the CalREDIE filing cabinet or sent via confidential fax (916) 854-9709.
2. **Implement** infection control precautions as appropriate.
3. **Treat** with antivirals (oseltamivir, zanamivir, or peramivir) as early as possible for any patient with confirmed or suspected influenza who:
 - is hospitalized;
 - has severe, complicated, or progressive illness; or
 - is at higher risk for influenza complications.

For information about influenza, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s website at <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm> or the California Department of Public Health’s (CDPH) website at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/Influenza.aspx>. Contact the CDPH Immunization Branch at InfluenzaSurveillance@cdph.ca.gov or 510-620-3737 for information about becoming an influenza sentinel provider. For information about immunization services or client referrals to influenza clinics, please contact the Sacramento County Immunization Assistance Program at 916-875-SHOT (7468).

Sincerely,

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