Quick Sheet
Physician or Provider
for Influenza Surveillance Program Sentinel Sites

- In CHCS, order the Epidemiology Lab’s viral respiratory panel. The panel is named RESPIRATORY CULTURE PNL (EPI) or similar name designated by your installation.

- Submit 6-10 specimens meeting the ILI case definition each week from your MTF
  
  **ILI Case Definition:** Fever ≥ 100.5 °F (38 °C) oral or equivalent **AND**
  
  cough and/or sore throat <72 hours duration

  Ensure specimens are collected within 3 days of onset of symptoms

- If your MTF sees <6 patients with ILI symptoms in a given week, you may send fewer than 6 samples
  
  Please do not send samples from asymptomatic patients

- If your MTF sees >10 patients with ILI symptoms in a given week
  
  Submit no more than 10 specimens per week
  
  Give priority to patients most ill and/or hospitalized with ILI

- If you see a patient with severe ILI (i.e., hospitalized), collect the specimen and notify your Public Health Officer

- Please do not send more than one specimen per patient within 14 days of a previous specimen unless clinically indicated

- Coordinate with your laboratory and Public Health staff about specimen handling

- Please collect specimens year-round due to seasonal variations among locations and the mobility of military populations

- We recommend the paper copy of the questionnaire be completed by medical staff at the time of specimen collection

- Coordinate with Public Health to ensure that questionnaires are completed appropriately and submitted with each specimen

- Coordinate with laboratory to ensure that specimens are properly collected and shipped to USAFSAM lab

We are happy to provide support and assistance.
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Decision Tree for Surveillance Program Influenza Testing

**Fever ≥100.5°F (38°C)**
**PLUS**
Cough OR Sore Throat
**AND**
Symptom onset < 72 hrs duration

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**Yes**
1. Collect Nasal Wash Sample using sterile cup and red viral media tube
2. Complete the Influenza Surveillance Questionnaire
3. Submit the questionnaire and sample in VTM to lab for shipping to USAFSAM

**No**
If patient does NOT have fever but has respiratory symptoms that are suspicious for influenza you may submit for respiratory testing if no more than 10 specimens have been submitted for your site in the current week.

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Specimens and questionnaires should be shipped to:

**USAFSAM/PHE**
2510 Fifth Street, Bldg 20840
Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433-7951

**FedEx number: 425177729**
(for respiratory viral panel testing ONLY)

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