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\_\_\_\_\_  
Laboratory Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date/Time Received

**INFLUENZA (FLU) SPECIMEN SUBMISSION FORM**

**PLEASE ATTACH PRE-PRINTED LABEL or PRINT CLEARLY**

Patient's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Race/Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last, First

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted By (Hospital) \_\_\_\_\_ Requesting Clinician: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Clinic)

MRN#: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK BOTH SOURCE & CRITERIA FOR TESTING & INDICATE DATE COLLECTED**

**DATE SPECIMEN COLLECTED:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Collect specimen within 5 days of symptom onset.)

**SPECIMEN SOURCE:**

- Nasopharyngeal Swab  Nasopharyngeal Aspirate  Nasal Wash  Nasal Aspirate
- Oropharyngeal (Throat) Swab  Nasal Swab  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**VIROLOGY**

- Influenza PCR Screen

**CRITERIA FOR TESTING (REQUIRED):**

**Submit respiratory specimens ONLY from patients who meet one of the criteria below:**

- Patients who have an undiagnosed severe acute febrile respiratory illness requiring hospitalization.  
**Symptom Onset Date:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  Unknown
- Probable or confirmed influenza **Symptom Onset Date:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  Unknown
- Influenza-like illness: fever  $\geq 37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $100^{\circ}\text{F}$ ), **AND sore throat or cough**  
 Fever ( $\geq 37.8^{\circ}\text{C}/100^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) Max Temp \_\_\_\_\_  C  F  
**AND:**  Cough  Sore Throat  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
**Symptom Onset Date:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  Unknown

**AND who are at least one of the following (check all that apply):**

- Died
- Admitted to the Hospital? ICU?  Yes  No  
Date admitted \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Date Discharged \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  Still Hospitalized?
- Live in a Long Term Care Facility
- Recent travel (within  $\leq 10$  days of illness onset) to a country where variant or novel flu has been detected
- Recent contact (within  $\leq 10$  days of illness onset) with a confirmed or probable case of variant or novel flu

**Specimens not meeting above criteria will not be tested.**

**If symptom and exposure information is incomplete, this form will be faxed back to you. Please provide fax back number.**

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Report all fatal cases of suspected or confirmed Influenza to SFDPH Disease Control  
(415) 554-2830**