

Reporting of Severe Pediatric Influenza Cases and Deaths

The increasing severity of influenza activity has raised serious concerns regarding influenza related morbidity and mortality. Thus, the California Department of Health Services requested local health departments implement reporting of severe pediatric influenza cases and deaths.

Healthcare providers are to report patients meeting the following criteria:

Patients from birth to 17 years of age who have;

- 1) A clinical syndrome consistent with influenza or complications of influenza, including lower respiratory tract infection, acute respiratory distress syndrome, apnea, cardiopulmonary arrest, myocarditis, Reye or Reye like syndrome, or acute CNS syndrome* (e.g., encephalitis, seizures); **OR**
- 2) A diagnosis of influenza confirmed by laboratory testing.

AND

- 1) Are or have been hospitalized in the ICU; **OR**
- 2) Have died anywhere (transport system, ER, ward, ICU) in your hospital.

The Pediatric Intensive Care Influenza Case History form is to be completed and faxed to Disease Control at (951) 358-5102.