

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 Public Health** requested local health departments continue the reporting of severe pediatric influenza cases and deaths.

Healthcare providers are to report patients meeting the following criteria:

PEDIATRIC INFLUENZA CASES HOSPITALIZED IN THE PICU

- Age 0- 17 years and;
- A clinical syndrome consistent with influenza or its complications, 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); AND
- Confirmation by laboratory testing for influenza; AND
- Have been hospitalized in the ICU.

and

PEDIATRIC INFLUENZA-ASSOCIATED DEATHS

- Age 0- 17 years and;
- A fatal clinical syndrome consistent with influenza or its complications, 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); AND
- Confirmation by laboratory testing for influenza; AND
- No period of complete recovery between the illness and death.
- Hospitalization or ICU care not required.

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

***For questions about the reporting guidelines, please call (951) 358-5107.**

**Forms are located at <http://www.rivco-diseasecontrol.org/>
In the “Healthcare Providers Section”**