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/](http://www.rivco-diseasecontrol.org/)
In the “Healthcare Providers Section”