

# **Influenza Outbreaks - Suggested Initial Information to Collect**

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## **General Information**

- Number of persons ill**
- Number of staff ill**
- Signs, symptoms and onset dates**
- Approximate age range of ill**
- Number of hospitalizations/deaths (if applicable)**
- Number of unaffected people in the facility**
- Any laboratory test results or testing plans (including testing method)**
- Vaccination status of ill**
- Vaccination status of unaffected people in the facility**
- Any known sources of infection (ill visitors, travel history, etc)**

## **Long-Term Care Facilities**

- Are the ill patients in a similar geographic location? (residential wing, lunchroom, etc)**
- What infection control measures are being implemented? (surgical masks and other droplet precautions, handwashing and cough etiquette, restricting ill staff from patient care, etc)**
- Are there plans to vaccinate all unvaccinated residents/staff?**
- Is antiviral prophylaxis being considered?**
- Are there capabilities to cohort or isolate ill residents?**
- Are residential group activities, new admissions or facility visitors being restricted?**

## **Schools**

- What is the school's protocol for closure and are absenteeism rates reaching those levels?**
- Has vaccination education been offered to the school nurse and/or school administrators (i.e. letter to parents)?**
- What infection control measures are being implemented? (handwashing and cough etiquette, influenza education, restricting ill staff and students from attending, etc)**