

Influenza-like illness Reporting
The Michigan Disease Surveillance System (MDSS)
Reminder for Health Care Providers and Local Health Department Staff
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With the recent increase in H1N1 Influenza reports, the Michigan Department of Community Health is currently specifying two types of influenza reporting based upon available case information:

1. Individual Case Reporting (Flu-related Deaths and Hospitalizations):

Please enter basic demographics and laboratory data into MDSS as an individual case of *Probable, Influenza, 2009 Novel* or if lab-confirmed, as *Confirmed, Influenza, 2009 Novel*.

- At a minimum please complete the following fields on the MDSS case report form: age/date of birth, inpatient/outpatient status, influenza-related death, date of death, symptoms of severe illness, and pregnancy status. Any additional information would be appreciated.
- Unless the patient is an influenza-related death or part of the MDCH Special EIP study any additional follow-up is at the discretion of the local health department.

2. Aggregate Case Reporting (All Other ILI From Healthcare Providers and Laboratories):

Please report as aggregate counts of Influenza, Novel 2009. Please indicate the reporting source of this information.

The recent positivity rate for testing flu specimens at the State Lab is over 70%. The 2009 novel influenza A (H1N1) strain is the overwhelmingly predominant circulating strain this fall.

This information is being provided to supplement previous guidance distributed on September 18th, 2009. Please refer to that guidance for further details on influenza reporting.