

**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
HEALTH ALERT AND ADVISORY INFORMATION**

**Swine Flu - Guidance for Clinicians & Public Health Professionals**

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Clinicians should consider the possibility of swine influenza virus infections in patients presenting with febrile respiratory illness.

If swine flu is suspected, clinicians should obtain a respiratory swab for swine influenza testing and place it in a refrigerator (not a freezer). Once collected, the clinician should contact their state or local health department to facilitate transport and timely diagnosis at a state public health laboratory.

## **State Public Health Laboratories**

Laboratories should send all unsubtypable influenza A specimens as soon as possible to the Viral Surveillance and Diagnostic Branch of the CDC's Influenza Division for further diagnostic testing.

## **Public Health and Animal Health Officials**

Officials should conduct thorough case and contact investigations to determine the source of the swine influenza virus, extent of community illness and the need for timely control measures.

## **Guidance Documents**

- [Interim Guidance for Swine influenza A \(H1N1\): Taking Care of a Sick Person in Your Home](#) Apr 25, 2009
- [Interim Guidance on Antiviral Recommendations for Patients with Confirmed or Suspected Swine Influenza A \(H1N1\) Virus Infection and Close Contacts](#) Apr 28, 2009, 05:00 AM ET
- [Interim CDC Guidance for Nonpharmaceutical Community Mitigation in Response to Human Infections with Swine Influenza \(H1N1\) Virus](#) Apr 26, 2009, 11:45 PM ET
- [Interim Recommendations for Facemask and Respirator Use in Certain Community Settings Where Swine Influenza A \(H1N1\) Virus Transmission Has Been Detected](#) Apr 27, 2009
- [Interim Guidance on Specimen Collection and Processing for Patients with Suspected Swine Influenza A \(H1N1\) Virus Infection](#) Apr 28, 2009, 06:00 AM ET

- [Swine Influenza A \(H1N1\) Virus Biosafety Guidelines for Laboratory Workers](#)  
Apr 24, 2009
- [Interim Guidance for Infection Control for Care of Patients with Confirmed or Suspected Swine Influenza A \(H1N1\) Virus Infection in a Healthcare Setting](#) Apr 24, 2009
- [Interim Guidance on Case Definitions to be Used For Investigations of Swine Influenza A \(H1N1\) Cases](#) Apr 26, 2009