



County of Sacramento

INFLUENZA HEALTH ADVISORY MASKING MANDATE April 30, 2019

Situational Update

Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) will be lifting the masking mandate on **May 1, 2019**. Influenza activity has been decreasing state and county-wide with no cases reported to SCPH with episode dates during Week 16 (ending 4/20/19) and Week 17 (ending 4/27/19). A total of 124 cases of all ages have been reported to SCPH for the 2018-2019 influenza season as of Week 17. Of these, 94 (75.8%) were influenza-related intensive care unit hospitalizations and 30 (24.2%) were influenza-related deaths.

Actions Requested of Health Care Systems and Clinicians:

1. **Continue** to report electronically to SCPH – via CalREDIE or confidential fax at (916) 854-9709 – the following laboratory-confirmed influenza cases:
 - **Intensive care unit (ICU)** cases of **all ages**
 - **Deaths** of **all ages**
 - **Novel influenza viruses** regardless of age, hospitalization, or vital status
 - **Outbreaks**Medical records (e.g., admission notes, laboratory results, discharge summary, vaccination information) for **all** ICU and fatal cases should be uploaded into the CalREDIE filing cabinet or sent via confidential fax to (916) 854-9709.
2. **Implement** infection control precautions as appropriate.
3. **Treat** with antivirals (e.g., oseltamivir, zanamivir, peramivir) as early as possible any patient confirmed or suspected to have influenza who: is hospitalized; has severe, complicated, or progressive illness; or is at higher risk for influenza complications.
4. **Ensure** ill health care workers remain home and do not go to work.

For information about influenza, visit the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) website at <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm>, the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) website at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/Influenza.aspx>, or SCPH's website at <http://www.dhs.saccounty.net/PUB/Pages/Communicable-Disease-Control/What-You-Need-to-Know-About-the-Flu.aspx>. For information about immunization services, contact the Sacramento County Immunization Assistance Program at 916-875-SHOT (7468).

Sincerely,

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