

INFLUENZA HEALTH ADVISORY MASKING MANDATE February 21, 2020

Situational Update

Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) is lifting the masking mandate as of **February 21, 2020** due to current demands for masks. However influenza activity remains widespread in California and Sacramento County is still seeing elevated levels. As of Week 7 (ending 2/15/20), a total of 80 cases of all ages have been reported to SCPH for the 2019-2020 influenza season. Of these, 67 (83.8%) were influenza-related intensive care unit hospitalizations and 13 (16.3%) 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:

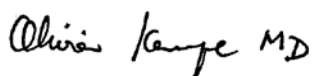
- **Intensive care unit (ICU)** cases of **all ages**
- **Deaths** of **all ages**
- **Novel influenza viruses** regardless of age, hospitalization, or vital status
- **Outbreaks**

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. **Continue to offer** influenza vaccination for any patient six months of age and older without contraindications to the vaccine.
5. **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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