

Advisory to Clinicians and Healthcare Facilities re Influenza Reporting November 9, 2009

The Michigan Department of Community Health is reminding all clinicians and healthcare facilities of the need to report to their local health departments within 24 hours any cases meeting the following criteria:

- **Hospitalized** patients with confirmed/unconfirmed influenza-like illness (especially those in ICU/PICU)
- **Influenza-related deaths** of individuals of any age
- **Pregnant women** with severe influenza-like illness, especially those in ICU
- Patients with an influenza-like illness of an unusual presentation (e.g., encephalopathy, hemorrhagic, or cardiac presentations, sepsis)
- **Outbreaks or clusters** of influenza-like illness in congregate settings (e.g., schools, camps, long-term care facilities, daycares, etc), as requested by local or state public health

At a minimum the following information should be reported for each hospitalized or deceased patient: age/date of birth, ICU status, influenza-related death, date of death, symptoms of severe illness, and pregnancy status.

Please note that the reporting of communicable diseases is in accordance with section 5111 of Act No. 368 of the Public Health Act of 1978. Local health directories can be found online at <http://www.malph.org/page.cfm/18/>.

For further information, please contact MDCH at 517-335-8165.