



## QUICK SHEET Laboratory Officer

### *for Influenza Surveillance Program Sentinel Sites*

- In CHCS, order the Epidemiology Lab's viral respiratory panel. The panel is named **RESPIRATORY CULTURE PNL (EPI)** or similar name designated by your installation  
*To request collection kits, use the current version of the "Supply Order Form" available (under Shipping/Training) at:*  
<https://gumbo2.wpafb.af.mil/epi-consult/influenza/lab>
- Specimens must be individually placed in biohazard bags
- USAFSAM requests 2 mL of **original, untested** nasal wash (NW) specimen in VTM (viral transport medium)
- It is best to freeze the specimen at  $-70^{\circ}\text{C}$  and ship on dry ice  
*DO NOT freeze specimens in laboratory freezer at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$*
- If freezing at  $-70^{\circ}\text{C}$  is not an option, then NW specimens must be held at  $2-8^{\circ}\text{C}$  after collection and shipped, on frozen gel packs, to the USAFSAM lab within 48 hours of specimen collection  
*The specimen can be refrigerated up to 48 h of specimen collection **ONLY** including shipping time to USAFSAM*  
*If delays are anticipated, (longer than 48 h of specimen collection to reach the lab), then specimen must be frozen at  $-70^{\circ}\text{C}$  and shipped on dry ice*
- Submit 6-10 specimens meeting the ILI case definition each week from your MTF  
*ILI Case Definition: Fever  $\geq 100.5^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $38^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) oral or equivalent **AND** cough or sore throat  $<72$  hours duration*
- Specimens can be received M-F with limited hours on Saturday  
*Please make shipping arrangements to ensure delivery during regular hours*
- If specimens must be shipped for Saturday delivery, please call USAFSAM lab at 937-938-4140 (DSN: 798-4140) to make arrangements  
*Please check **both** "Priority Overnight" and "Saturday Delivery" on the FedEx shipping label, if not it may be delayed and delivered the following Monday*
- Verify completed questionnaires are shipped along with the specimens
- Ship specimens to the USAFSAM laboratory:  
USAFSAM/PHE  
Epidemiology Laboratory Service  
2510 Fifth Street, Bldg 20840, Area B  
WPAFB, OH 45433-7951
- See complete guide by accessing the lab website at:  
<https://gumbo2.wpafb.af.mil/epi-consult/influenza/lab>

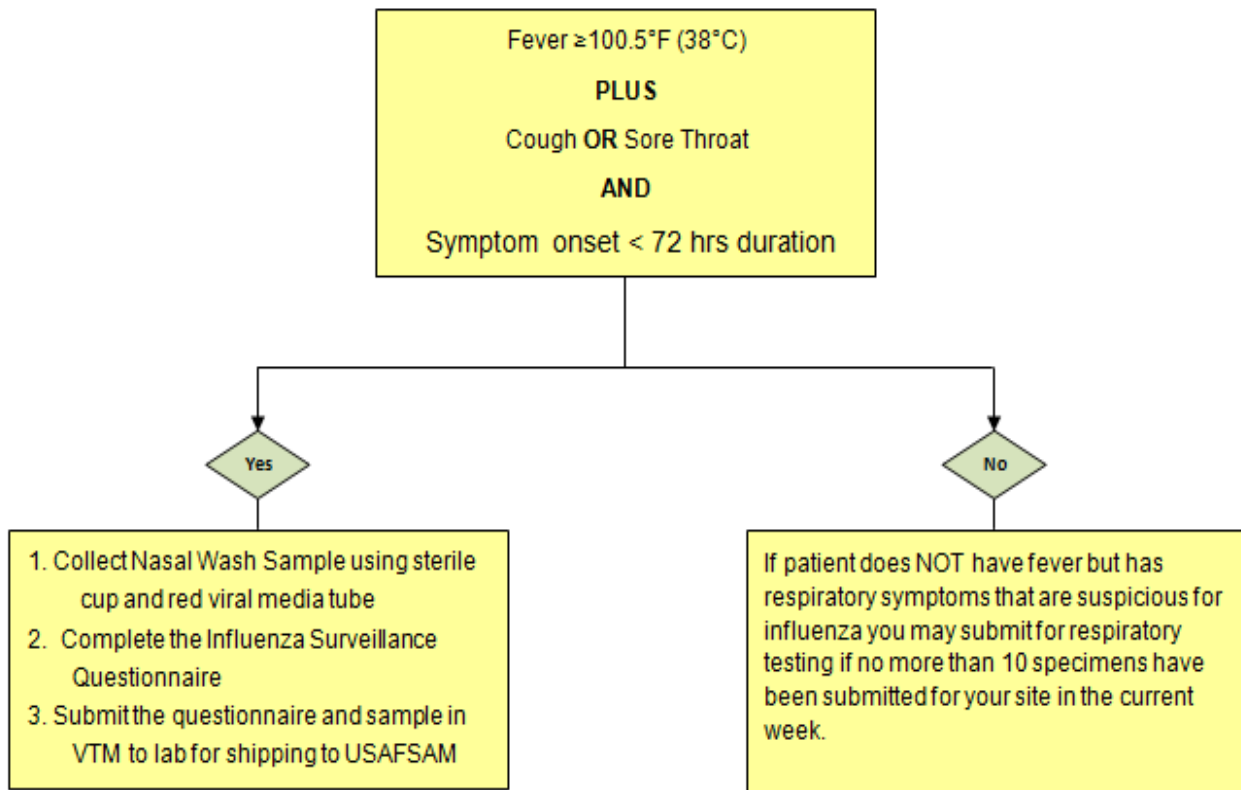
We are happy to provide support and assistance.

Contact us at: (937)938-3196; DSN 798-3196

E-mail: USAFSAM.PHRFlu@us.af.mil

Website: <https://gumbo2.wpafb.af.mil/epi-consult/influenza>

# Decision Tree for Decision Tree for Surveillance Program Influenza Testing



## Specimens and questionnaires should be shipped to:

### USAFSAM/PHE

2510 Fifth Street, Bldg 20840  
Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433-7951

**FedEx number: 425177729**

(for respiratory viral panel testing ONLY)

### For questions or problems contact us at:

Tel: 937-938-3196

Email: USAFSAM.PHRFlu@us.af.mil

<https://gumbo2.area52.afnoapps.usaf.mil/epi-consult/influenza>