

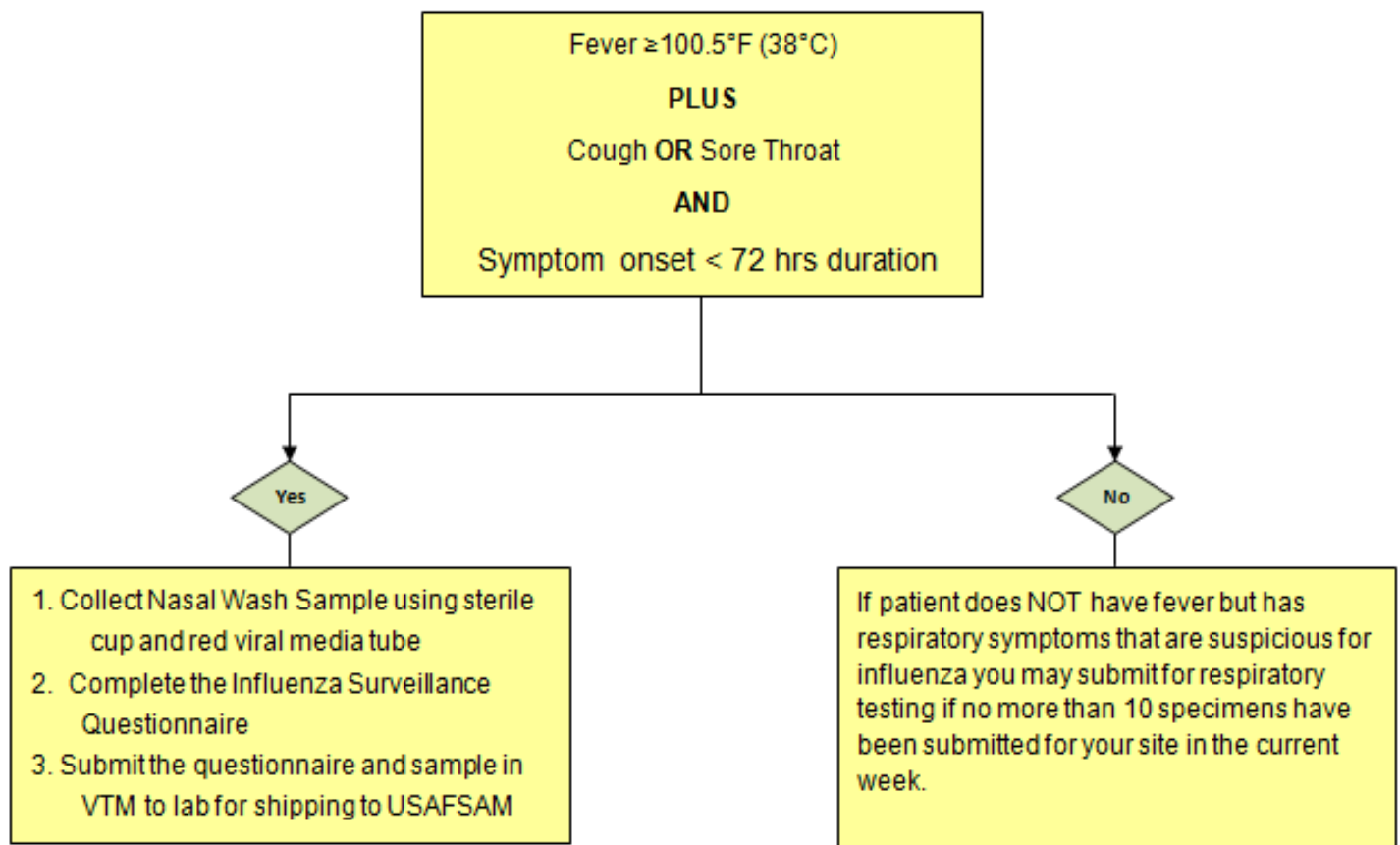


## QUICK SHEET Physician or Provider *for Influenza Surveillance Program Sentinel Sites*

- 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
- Submit 6-10 specimens meeting the ILI case definition each week from your MTF  
*ILI Case Definition: Fever  $\geq 100.5$  °F (38 °C) oral or equivalent AND cough and/or sore throat <72 hours duration*  
Ensure specimens are collected within 3 days of onset of symptoms
- If your MTF sees <6 patients with ILI symptoms in a given week, you may send fewer than 6 samples  
Please do not send samples from asymptomatic patients
- If your MTF sees >10 patients with ILI symptoms in a given week  
*Submit no more than 10 specimens per week*  
*Give priority to patients most ill and/or hospitalized with ILI*
- If you see a patient with severe ILI (i.e., hospitalized), collect the specimen and notify your Public Health Officer
- Please do not send more than one specimen per patient within 14 days of a previous specimen unless clinically indicated
- Coordinate with your laboratory and Public Health staff about specimen handling
- Please collect specimens year-round due to seasonal variations among locations and the mobility of military populations
- We recommend the paper copy of the questionnaire be completed by medical staff at the time of specimen collection
- Coordinate with Public Health to ensure that questionnaires are completed appropriately and submitted with each specimen
- Coordinate with laboratory to ensure that specimens are properly collected and shipped to USAFSAM lab

We are happy to provide support and assistance.  
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# 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:

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