

## E. Clinical Guidelines Overview

Clinical Guidelines provides a guide related to clinical procedures for the initial screening, assessment, and management of patients, which includes:

- Guidance for the clinical evaluation and management (including use of antiviral therapy) of suspect case-patients (Note: This clinical guidance will be updated as additional clinical and epidemiologic data becomes available.)
- Advice to healthcare providers to:
  - a) immediately report suspect cases of novel influenza to public health authorities and
  - b) be prepared to assist public health officials with the identification of at-risk persons exposed to patients suspected of being infected with novel influenza when appropriate
- Guidance regarding chemoprophylaxis of close contacts