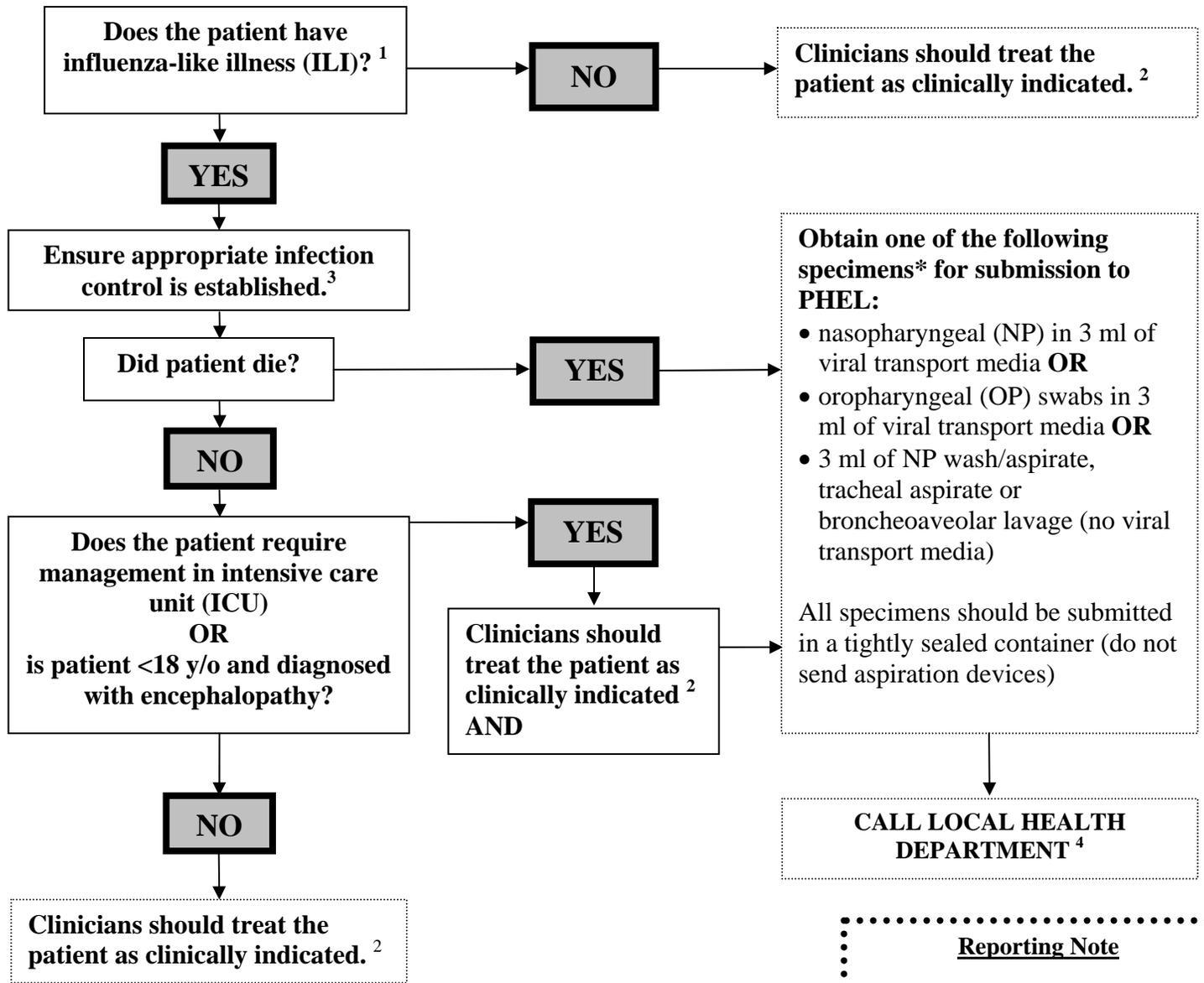


New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (NJDHSS)
Surveillance and Testing for Novel Influenza A (H1N1) in Humans

Protocol for Healthcare Providers and Local Health Departments
September 9, 2009



Reporting Note

Clinicians are reminded to be vigilant for cases which may be epidemiologically linked (i.e., patients illness onset within 7 days of each other and common exposure), occur within institutional settings (e.g., long term care facilities), or be associated with an occupational exposure (e.g., health care worker, lab technician exposure). These cases should also be reported to local health officials so that appropriate follow up and possible public health interventions can be implemented.

1- ILI is defined as fever $\geq 37.8^{\circ}\text{C}$ (100°F) AND cough AND/OR sore throat (in the absence of another known cause)
 2- Guidance can be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/#a2>
 3- Infection control guidance can be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/#a4>;
 Home isolation guidelines and treatment recommendations can also be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/#a6>
ALL patients with ILI, whether or not it is caused by novel H1N1 virus infection, should:
 • be instructed to stay home
 • wash their hands frequently, especially after coughing and sneezing
 • cough or sneeze into a tissue (not into bare hands or onto another person)
 • dispose of tissues in the trash
 4- A local health department directory is available at <http://nj.gov/health/lh/directory/lhdselectcounty.shtml> If the local health department is not available, please call NJDHSS at 609-588-7500 during normal business hours (M-F, 8am to 5PM) or 609-392-2020 after hours.