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Laboratory use only:

Laboratory Number

Date and Time

Influenza Virus Test Panel including Novel Strains
SPECIMEN SUBMISSION FORM

Patient's Name: _____ Gender: _____ DOB: _____ Race/Ethnicity: _____
Last, First

Street Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____

City / State / Zip Code: _____

Patient's Medical Record Number: _____

Location of Patient: Hospital ICU Hospital (Non-ICU) Long-term care facility Other: _____

Onset date of symptoms: _____

Specimen Collection Date: ____/____/____

Submitting Hospital / Facility: _____ Requesting Clinician: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ Fax Number: (____) _____

SUBMISSION CRITERIA FOR SPECIMEN TESTING:

Influenza-like illness (ILI) defined as fever $\geq 37^{\circ}\text{C}$ (100°F) **plus cough or sore throat**
AND

At least one of the following:

- Infants or children <18 years of age**
- Hospitalized patients (>24 hours) with suspected influenza**
- Patients who died of an acute illness in which influenza was suspected**
- Patients living in settings like long-term care facilities or other congregate living sites**

Specimens that do not meet the above criteria will not be tested.

SPECIMEN SOURCE (Please Check):

- Nasopharyngeal Swab (preferred)**
- Nasal Swab
- Throat Swab
- Bronchial wash
- Tracheal Aspirate
- Other: _____

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS:

- Use Dacron swabs for collection
- Place specimen in viral transport media (VTM)
- Store and transport at 4°C.
(Refrigerate or wet ice)