

H1N1 Influenza Management Plan for the LMU-DCOM Outpatient Services

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All Other Highly Contagious Disease Processes

- As patients present to the LMU-DCOM Outpatient Services for scheduled appointment or as an acute care visit, they will be given a mask and placed in a separate waiting room if they have fever and 1 or more of the following symptoms;
 - Body aches
 - Sore throat
 - Cough
- The patients will then be screened with at least a rapid flu screen that will determine if the patient is positive for type A or B influenza or other appropriate rapid screening test as appropriate.
- If the patient is positive for Type A influenza they will get swabbed by the designated tests provided by the health department or state and the results will be sent off to one those entities for entry in large scale epidemiologic studies.
- If positive for any other disease entity tested for, the appropriate medical treatment will be initiated.
- All patients suspected to have contracted the flu, will be evaluated by a clinician and treated appropriately. If the patient is within the 48 hour window of symptom onset, the goal is to dispense an antiviral medication at the time of evaluation and a prescription for the remaining treatment regimen.
- Follow up and extended isolation will be influenced by the goals of reducing transmission, protecting the rights of the patient, and providing optimal health care for our patients and their close contacts and evaluated on a case by case basis.

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