

Strategy for On-Scene Rapid Triage (SORT) For Pandemic Influenza

Child / Adult – In-person Assessment

Confirm Patient Presents with Influenza Like Illness (ILI)
 Fever \geq 38.3 C or 101 F or history of fever
 AND
 Cough or sore throat

Conduct Assessment for Indicators of Increased Risk of Severe Illness

<input type="checkbox"/> Age > 65 years or age < 5 years	<input type="checkbox"/> Unable to keep liquids down
<input type="checkbox"/> Confused or less responsive than normal	<input type="checkbox"/> Dehydration such as dizziness when standing or absence of urination
<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath	<input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory rate > 24 breaths per minute
<input type="checkbox"/> Cyanosis or skin rash	<input type="checkbox"/> O2 saturation < 95%
<input type="checkbox"/> Seizures	<input type="checkbox"/> Capillary refill > 2 seconds
<input type="checkbox"/> Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen	<input type="checkbox"/> Systolic BP < 95 mm Hg
<input type="checkbox"/> Severe or persistent vomiting	

Answers yes to one or more indicators of severe illness

Yes

Elevated Risk:
Transport

No

Assess for Co-morbid Conditions

<input type="checkbox"/> Pregnant	<input type="checkbox"/> Neurological disease (including nervous system, brain, or spinal cord)
<input type="checkbox"/> Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/> Neuromuscular disorders (including muscular dystrophy and multiple sclerosis)
<input type="checkbox"/> Blood disorders (including sickle cell disease)	<input type="checkbox"/> Weakened immune system (including organ transplant recipients, people with AIDS, immunosuppressive medications)
<input type="checkbox"/> Chronic lung disease (including asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)	<input type="checkbox"/> Morbidly obese (about >250 lbs. for women; >300 lbs. for men)
<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/> Flu-like symptoms improve but return
<input type="checkbox"/> Heart Disease	
<input type="checkbox"/> Kidney disorders including dialysis	
<input type="checkbox"/> Liver disorder	

Does patient have one or more co-morbid conditions?

Yes

Intermediate Risk:
 Advise patient to contact their healthcare provider today (or to call 1-800-978-3040 for local clinic referral information).
 Leave "**Decision Chart**" with patient/family member and instruct in use.
 * If no healthcare option available:
TRANSPORT.

No

Low Risk:
 Probably OK for self-care at home.
 Leave "**Decision Chart**" with patient/family member and instruct in use.