



Health and Healthy Living

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Dear Colleague:

Re: Guidelines for Human Swine Influenza

This is to clarify further the CPPHO information letter that was sent April 23, 2009.

At this time Manitoba has not yet had reported cases of swine influenza. Cases of swine influenza have been reported from Nova Scotia and British Columbia. None have required hospital care. It is unclear at this time how widespread or severe this swine influenza is or whether it will be officially classified as a pandemic influenza.

Current Guidelines for Diagnosis and Treatment:

- Testing and / or antiviral treatment is not recommended for asymptomatic individuals or any person with an onset of symptoms and signs more than 4 days after the most recent significant exposure (to a place or person with confirmed human swine influenza);
- Testing and antiviral treatment is recommended for all cases of SRI (patient with symptoms and signs consistent with an acute respiratory infection who requires hospitalization and has had significant exposure, as above);
- For all other circumstances, physicians should use their clinical judgment and decide whether testing and /or treatment with antivirals is appropriate;
 - Physicians should be prudent in utilizing limited testing resources and antiviral drug supply.
 - Physicians are reminded that usage of Manitoba's pandemic stockpile will not be made accessible for this purpose.

Current Guidelines for Infection Control Practice

- Hand hygiene (alcohol based hand rub or soap and water) should be practiced before and after patient care;
- Surgical masks should be worn when interacting with patients with symptoms of respiratory infection;
- N95 respirators (masks) should be used for aerosol-generating procedures such as intubations, nebulizer treatments, bronchoscopy or tracheal suctioning and should be recommended for everyone in the room;
- Hospital-grade disinfectant should be used to clean affected surfaces that may be contaminated.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For clinical advice consult an Infectious Disease specialist at (204) 787-2071.• For Public Health advice, consult a Medical Officer of Health (204) 788-8666 (24/7). |
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When there is a change in these recommendations, you will be notified promptly. Please take steps to ensure this information is shared widely with all staff and please post this information. For the most current information, please visit www.manitoba.ca.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

"Original signed by Joel Kettner"

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