**MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY BRANCH**  
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**SPECIMENS COLLECTED FOR INFLUENZA SURVEILLANCE ONLY**  

**SPECIMEN PRIORITY IDENTIFICATION [PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY]:**  

- **ILINET (SENTINEL) PROVIDER ID#**
- **YES NO UNK**

**CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS: INFLUENZA LIKE ILLNESS**  

- **SUSPECT INFLUENZA INFECTION?**
- **YES NO UNK**

**LABORATORY SPECIMEN/RAPID TESTING INFORMATION:**  

- **COLLECTION DATE (MM/DD/YY):**
- **YES NO UNK**

**SPECIMEN:**  

- **NASOPHARYNGEAL SWAB**
- **THROAT SWAB**
- **NASAL SWAB**
- **OTHER (SPECIFY):**

**RAPID TESTING DATE (MM/DD/YY):**  

- **QUICKVUE**
- **BINAX**
- **BD VERITOR**

**RAPID TEST RESULTS:**  

- **FLU A**
- **FLU B**

**ACCESSION #: LAB ID#**  

**FOR NON-RESIDENTS ONLY (LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION):**  

- **HOTEL NAME/ADDRESS:**
- **CITY/STATE/ZIP:**

**CLINICAL SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS:**  

- **DATE OF ONSET (MM/DD/YY):**
- **YES NO UNK**

**SYMPTOM:**  

- **FEVER**
- **COUGH**
- **SORE THROAT**
- **MALAISE**
- **CHILLS**
- **OTHER (SPECIFY):**

**VACCINATION AND VIRAL THERAPY HISTORY:**  

- **DID PATIENT RECEIVE SEASONAL FLU VACCINE IN THE LAST 6 MONTHS?**
- **YES NO UNK**

**MEDICATION NAME:**

- **DATE STARTED, DOSAGE:**

**FOR SLD USE ONLY: SPECIMEN TRANSPORTED BY**  

- **CLH**
- **DLS**
- **KSR**
- **DOH (STD)**
- **OTHER:**

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HDOH/ Disease Outbreak Control Division/ Influenza Surveillance Laboratory Submission Form Rev. February, 2016
Instructions for Collection of Specimens for Identification of Influenza and Other Respiratory Viruses

Specimen Collection Criteria:

a) Specimen collection must be within 72 hours of onset
b) Patient must have fever (temperature > 100º F oral or equivalent) AND
c) Patient must have cough OR sore throat (in the absence of a known other cause)

1. Always store viral transport medium (VTM) at room temperature. Make sure the VTM is a clear pink solution before use. (Discard if it is cloudy or turns yellow.)

2. Use only the sterile flocked swab provided. (Do NOT use calcium alginate swabs or swabs with wooden shafts.)

3. Collect ONE nasopharyngeal swab.

4. Nasopharyngeal swab procedure (see diagram for appropriate positioning):
   a) Remove swab from its wrapper.
   b) Immobilize patient’s head and insert swab into a nostril back to the posterior nares.
   c) Leave the swab in place for up to 10 seconds. If resistance is encountered during insertion of the swab, remove it and attempt insertion on the opposite nostril.
   d) Remove the swab slowly.

5. Break/bend the swab shaft to permit closure of vial cap and make sure screw caps are securely fastened and taped with parafilm or masking tape to avoid leakage. Place the specimen in the same tube of viral transport media. Write the patient’s name, date of specimen collection, and specimen type (source of specimen) on the tube. Refrigerate tube immediately.

6. Seal the specimen tube in a zip-lock bag clearly marked with a biohazard symbol. Complete enclosed "Specimen Submission Form" and place the form in the outside pouch of the bag OR staple or tape the form to the outside of the zip-lock bag.

7. Submit specimen to the diagnostic laboratory from which the specimen collection kit was obtained.

If you have any questions regarding the Influenza Surveillance Program or submission of specimens, please contact the Hawaii Department of Health, Disease Investigation Branch, at 586-4586.