



## Swine Flu

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# Guidance for Clinicians & Public Health Professionals

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## Clinicians

Clinicians should consider the possibility of swine influenza virus infections in patients presenting with febrile respiratory illness.

If swine flu is suspected, clinicians should obtain a respiratory swab for swine influenza testing and place it in a refrigerator (not a freezer). Once collected, the clinician should contact their state or local health department to facilitate transport and timely diagnosis at a state public health laboratory.

## State Public Health Laboratories

Laboratories should send all unsubtypable influenza A specimens as soon as possible to the Viral Surveillance and Diagnostic Branch of the CDC's Influenza Division for further diagnostic testing.

## Public Health and Animal Health Officials




Officials should conduct thorough case and contact investigations to determine the source of the swine influenza virus, extent of community illness and the need for timely control measures.

## Guidance Documents

- [Specimen Collection, Processing, and Testing for Patients with Suspected Infection](#) Apr 29, 2009, 2:30 AM ET
- [Emergency Use Authorization \(EUA\) of Medical Products and Devices](#) Apr 29, 2009, 1:45 AM ET
- [Guidance for Clinicians on Identifying and Caring for Patients](#) Apr 29, 2009, 12:00 AM ET
- [Guidance for Clinicians on Prevention and Treatment in Young Children](#) Apr 28, 2009, 11:00 PM ET
- [Taking Care of a Sick Person in Your Home](#) Apr 25, 2009
- [Antiviral Recommendations for Patients and Close Contacts](#) Apr 28, 2009, 05:00 AM ET
- [Nonpharmaceutical Community Mitigation](#) Apr 26, 2009, 11:45 PM ET
- [Facemask and Respirator Use in Community Settings Where Transmission Has Been Detected](#) Apr 27, 2009
- [Biosafety Guidelines for Lab Workers](#) Apr 24, 2009
- [Infection Control for Care of Patients in a Healthcare Setting](#) Apr 24, 2009
- [Guidance on Case Definitions for Investigations of Cases](#) Apr 26, 2009

- [Guidance for Airlines Regarding Flight Crews Arriving from Domestic and International Areas Affected by Swine Influenza](#) Apr 28, 2009, 1:45 PM ET
- [Guidance to Assist Airline Flight Deck and Cabin Crew in Identifying Passengers Who May Have Swine Influenza](#) Apr 28, 2009, 9:00 PM ET
- [Pregnant Women: Considerations for Clinicians](#) Apr 28, 2009 1:45 PM ET

## Audio

- **April 27 Clinician Conference Call: Swine Influenza Investigation Update**  
Timothy Uyeki, MD MPH MPP  
**Audio:** [MP3](#)  (8 MB)  
**Slides:** N/A  
**Summary:** N/A
  - **April 24 Clinician Conference Call: Swine Influenza Investigation Update**  
**Audio:** [MP3](#)  (8 MB)  
**Slides:** N/A  
**Summary:** [Interim Transcript](#)  (78 KB, 26 pages)
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