What is Influenza Like Illness (ILI)?

ILI is an acute onset of respiratory illness with fever and cough and with one or more of the following: sore throat, arthralgia, myalgia or prostration (extreme fatigue).

Note: In patients ≥65, fever may not be prominent. Children <5 years old may also have gastrointestinal symptoms.

What is Acute Respiratory Illness (ARI)?

ARI is a respiratory illness with new or worsening cough.

Who is Eligible to Participate in the SPSN?

Consenting Ontario residents presenting with ILI/ARI within 7 days of symptoms onset.

Did patient / guardian give verbal consent?

Yes

No Continue with routine clinical care, **without** completing the SPSN questionnaire.



Give consent page to the patient / guardian for their records.



Proceed with filling out the requisition.



Follow safety guidelines, including the use of recommended PPE, and proceed with specimen collection.

The Requisition



1 Fill out the **entire** Requisition including the current season SPSN-VE Evaluation Questionnaire.

If the patient has **any** of the listed chronic conditions please mark the "YES" checkbox.

Please **DO NOT** specify the condition.



2 In addition to the patient's and your contact information (full name and address) pay particular attention to the following critical elements:

 Specimen collection date

Date of ILI / ARI onset

 Vaccination history

Note: Specimens with incomplete requisition may be rejected.

Collecting Patient Specimen



Use Nasal Swab or Nasopharyngeal Swab techniques.

A demonstration of NP swab collection is available at the following web link: http://youtu.be/DVJNWefmHjE



2 Label the tube with the following 2 identifiers:

- Patient's Full Name
- · Date of Birth

Note: Specimens not fulfilling these criteria will be rejected.

Packaging the Specimen



1 Place the tube in a bio-hazard bag and seal the bag.

2 Insert the completed SPSN requisition to the outer pocket of the biohazard bag.

Notes:

Keep the specimen refrigerated at 4°C until ready to send.

Send the specimen to your local Public Health Ontario Laboratory within 72hrs, using routine procedures.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us:



