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## **Health Care Provider Alert: Influenza**

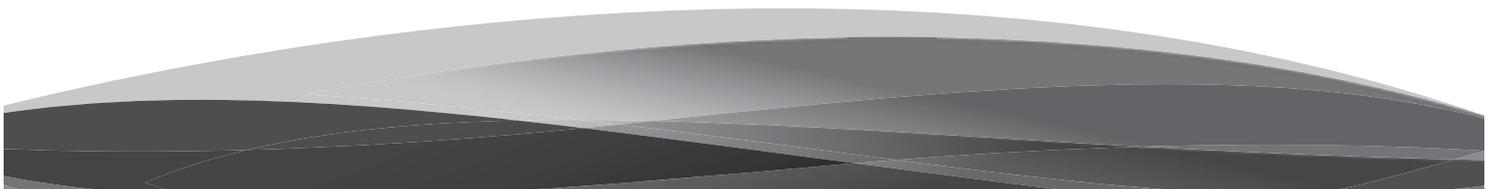
Influenza A has been lab confirmed in Sioux Lookout, Atikokan, and Kenora over the weekend.

### **Actions:**

- Promote flu shots for all patients
- Promote proper hand hygiene and staying home when sick
- Exclude symptomatic visitors from hospitals and Long Term Care except in extenuating circumstances, with an IPAC safety plan appropriately implemented
- Encourage active symptom screening in facilities and in primary care settings
- Promote use of masks in high-risk settings
- Educate high-risk patients about seeking care and antiviral treatment if eligible. This includes: babies too young for flu shots, all children under 5, anyone aged 65 and older, pregnant people, and people with underlying health conditions.
- Report lab confirmed influenza cases to Northwestern Health Unit
- Report new onset of influenza-like illness in hospitalized patients or residents to NWHU; report to NWHU if you suspect an outbreak in a hospital or LTC

Northwestern Health Unit is putting out communication to the public and through schools and child care centres to inform the public about the risk.

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Stanley, Manager of Infectious Diseases at [dstanley@nwhu.on.ca](mailto:dstanley@nwhu.on.ca) or 223-3301.





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