To: Yolo County Healthcare Providers  
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Subject: Lifting of Influenza Masking Mandate

SITUATION UPDATE:

Flu-positive labs dropped dramatically in the week ending March 21. In addition, there is increasing need for masks for Covid-19 PPE and a worsening mask shortage. Therefore, Yolo County is lifting the influenza masking mandate as of today, March 25, 2020.

Actions Requested of Health Care Systems and Clinicians:

1. **Continue to report** electronically to Yolo County, via CalREDIE or confidential fax at (530) 669-1549, the following laboratory-confirmed influenza cases:
   - **Intensive care unit (ICU) cases of all ages**
   - **Deaths of all ages**
   - **Novel influenza viruses** regardless of age, hospitalization, or vital status
   - **Outbreaks** (1 lab-confirmed, and at least one other ILI)

   Medical records (e.g., admission notes, laboratory results, discharge summary, vaccination information) for all ICU and fatal cases should be uploaded into the CalREDIE filing cabinet or sent via confidential fax to (5630) 669-1549.

2. **Implement** infection control precautions as appropriate.

3. **Treat** with antivirals (e.g., oseltamivir, zanamivir, peramivir) as early as possible any patient confirmed or suspected to have influenza who: is hospitalized; has severe, complicated, or progressive illness; or is at higher risk for influenza complications.

4. **Continue to offer** influenza vaccination for any patient six months of age and older without contraindications to the vaccine.

5. **Ensure** ill health care workers remain home and do not go to work.
For information about influenza, visit:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at https://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm
- California Department of Public Health (CDPH) website at https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/Influenza.aspx