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**PREPARING FOR INVESTIGATION**

**KNOW THE DISEASE/CONDITION**
- Read about Influenza in the CD Manual.
- See the case definition for Influenza in the CD Manual.
- Print and review reporting forms:
  - *Part 1: Confidential Disease Report (DHHS 2124)*
  - *Part 2: Influenza, Pediatric Death (DHHS/EPI #73)*

**CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION**

**COLLECT CLINICAL INFORMATION**
- Obtain admission note, progress note, and discharge summary if patient hospitalized for this disease/condition.
- Obtain healthcare provider clinical notes from date(s) of service for this disease/condition.
- Look for evidence in the medical record that supports clinical findings described in the case definition.

**REVIEW LABORATORY INFORMATION**
- Review laboratory report(s) specific to this disease.
- Evaluate laboratory and rapid test results to determine if requirements of the case definition are satisfied.
- If pre-mortem testing was not performed, contact the CD Branch to facilitate the gathering of postmortem samples for submission to the SLPH/CDC if indicated.

**APPLY THE CASE DEFINITION**
- Use the case definition to determine if the clinical and laboratory findings meet the case definition criteria.

**IMPLEMENTING CONTROL MEASURES**

**ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SOURCE OF EXPOSURE**
- Reporting of influenza associated pediatric deaths is for surveillance purposes. Case finding and control measures will not be performed unless the death was possibly due to a novel influenza virus. See the novel influenza section for these cases.
### Reporting Investigation

**REPORT TO NC COMMUNICABLE DISEASE BRANCH (CD)**
- Enter Part 1 and Part 2 Communicable Disease Reports into NC EDSS as a new event, or update the existing event if already entered.
- Assign event to State Disease Registrar when case investigation complete.

### Special Considerations

**RISK COMMUNICATION**
- Any death of a child may become high profile. Ensure risk communication measures are implemented. Information released to the media should be in accordance with HIPAA and other privacy practices.
- Consider using risk communication tools conservatively if this is an isolated low profile case.
- NC DHHS Public Information Office (919) 733-9190 is available to assist local health departments as needed.