California Sentinel Provider
Influenza Surveillance Program

Enrollment Form

Check one:  MD □  DO □  NP □  PA □
Name:________________________________________
Practice Name:________________________________
Practice Specialty:

Check one:  □ Pediatric  □ Family Practice
□ Internal medicine  □ Infectious Disease
□ OB/GYN  □ Student Health
□ Urgent Care  □ Emergency Medical
□ Other

Street Address:________________________________
City:________________________________________
Zip Code:_______  State: CA
County:_______________________________________
Telephone Number:____________________________
Fax Number:______________________________

Please supply an email address as it is the primary communication method with sentinel providers.
Email address:________________________________

Do you have access to diagnostic testing for influenza?  Yes □  No □

Please complete the enrollment form and return to:
CDPH
Immunization Branch
Attn: Monica Kang
850 Marina Bay Parkway
Richmond, CA 94804
Fax: (916) 440-5984

Enroll now to volunteer for this influenza season!

Questions?
Please contact Monica Kang
Phone: (510) 620-3761
Email: Monica.Kang@cdph.ca.gov
InfluenzaSurveillance@cdph.ca.gov

For more information visit our website:
www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/dcdc/Pages/
CaliforniaSentinelProviderProgram.aspx

California clinicians are a critical component of the state and national surveillance network for influenza.
We need your help to track influenza in California!

The California Sentinel Provider Influenza Surveillance Program is a partnership between clinicians, local health departments (LHDs), the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to conduct surveillance for influenza-like illness (ILI). The program contributes valuable epidemiological and virologic information to state, national, and global influenza surveillance activities.

Why is surveillance for influenza important?

• Seasonal influenza is a significant cause of illness and death in California each year.
• Pandemic influenza is an unpredictable but inevitable threat.
• Routine surveillance for influenza improves our ability to monitor the circulation of influenza virus strains in the community.
• Surveillance aids with the detection of new subtypes and emerging strains of influenza viruses, an important element of preparedness for pandemic influenza.
• The data collected by Sentinel Providers assist CDPH and CDC with developing influenza prevention and control strategies and with selecting the virus strains to be included as

Who is eligible to be a Sentinel Provider?

Sentinel providers may be physicians, nurse practitioners, or physician assistants from any specialty.

What are the responsibilities of a Sentinel Provider?

Data Collection and Reporting

• Keep a record of the number of patient visits for influenza-like illness (categorized by age group) and the total number of patient visits for any reason.
• Report this influenza-like illness data weekly by internet or fax.

Specimen Collection

• Collect nasal swabs or respiratory specimens from a subset of patients that meet the ILI case definition and submit them to the state laboratory for testing.
• All testing is performed at no cost to the provider. CDPH supplies the specimen collection materials and pays for shipping.

What feedback and materials do Sentinel Providers receive?

• Individual test results for specimens submitted to the state laboratory.
• Rapid Antigen Test Kits (Influenza A and B) are offered to qualified providers to facilitate on-site diagnostic testing.
• Weekly updates of state and national influenza activity.