

Human swine influenza

Advice to GPs re management of a possible case

If a patient presents with symptoms of acute respiratory illness/flu-like illness and a history of recent travel abroad:

1. If the patient presents by telephone ó stay at home until further advised
If the patient presents to doctor's surgery ó keep separate from other patients
2. Take a detailed history of:
Symptoms - detailing type, severity and onset
Travel ó detailing location and dates, and ask if any contact with a case
3. Having taken a detailed history, contact your local Director of Public Health for further advice <phone number>

NB: Do not take clinical specimens unless advised by public health. Personnel collecting specimens from suspected cases should wear disposable non-sterile gloves, gown, goggles and a FFP2 respirator.

The latest up to date information, including frequently asked questions, is available on the Health Protection Surveillance Centre website www.hpsc.ie