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CSTE Position Statement(s)  
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Clinical Criteria  
Hospital admission date 14 days or less  
after  
a positive influenza test,  
OR  
Hospital admission date 3 days or less  
before  
a positive influenza test  
Laboratory Criteria For Diagnosis  
Evidence of a positive influenza test by at least one of the following methods:  
Positive viral culture for influenza  
Positive immunofluorescence antibody staining (Direct [DFA] or indirect [IFA]) for influenza  
Reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) positive for influenza  
Serologic testing positive for influenza  
A positive, unspecified influenza test noted in the medical chart (e.g., a written note in the admission H&P or discharge summary)  
A positive commercially available rapid diagnostic test for influenza  
Case Classification  
Confirmed  
A case that meets the clinical and laboratory evidence criteria.  
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