



# Tri-City Medical Center

## IMPORTANCE

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Date: April 29, 2009  
To: Medical Staff  
From: Ted Gay, M.D. Infection Control Officer  
RE: Anti-Virals for Swine Flu

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**The supply of anti-virals should be used according to the following CDC recommendations.**

- People who are experiencing uncomplicated Influenza-Like Illness **should not** be receiving anti-viral treatment.
- Given the limited amount of antiviral therapy for influenza, priority will be given to treatment over chemoprophylaxis.
- To avoid the development of resistance in any individuals please do not deviate from the standard dosage protocols and encourage patients to complete prescribed courses.

**Patients eligible for anti-viral therapy are listed below in priority order**

**Treatment**

- Hospitalized confirmed or probable cases of swine influenza who are admitted to an intensive care unit or have evidence of respiratory failure
- Hospitalized confirmed or probable cases of swine influenza who are at high-risk for influenza complications\*
- Any hospitalized confirmed or probable case of swine influenza
- Non-hospitalized confirmed or probable cases of swine influenza who are at high-risk for influenza complications\*
- Other non-hospitalized confirmed cases of swine influenza if treatment can be started within 48 hours of symptom onset
- Close contacts\*\* of a confirmed or probable case of swine influenza with ILI who are at high-risk for influenza complications\*
- Healthcare workers or public health workers with ILI who have had close contact\*\* with a confirmed or probable case of swine influenza
- Any close contact\*\* with ILI of a confirmed or probable case of swine influenza
- Suspected cases of swine influenza who are at high-risk for influenza complications\*
- Chemoprophylaxis
- Household close contacts\*\* who are at high-risk for complications\* of influenza of a confirmed or probable case
- School children who are at high-risk for complications\* of influenza who had close contact\*\* with a confirmed or suspected case.
- Health care workers or public health workers who had unprotected close contact\*\* with an ill confirmed case of swine influenza A (H1N1) virus infection.