

***(Effective until January 1, 2023)***

**WAC 246-101-525 Special condition—Influenza.** Local health departments shall:

(1) Maintain a surveillance system for influenza during the appropriate season which may include:

- (a) Monitoring of excess school absenteeism;
- (b) Sample check with health care providers, clinics, nursing homes, and hospitals regarding influenza-like illnesses; and
- (c) Monitoring of workplace absenteeism and other mechanisms.

(2) Encourage submission of appropriate clinical specimens from a sample of patients with influenza-like illness to the Washington state public health laboratories or other laboratory approved by the state health officer.

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**WAC 246-101-525 Special condition—Influenza—Local health jurisdictions.** A local health jurisdiction shall:

(1) Maintain a surveillance system for influenza during the influenza season which may include:

- (a) Monitoring of excess school absenteeism;
- (b) Requesting information from health care providers and health care facilities regarding influenza-like illnesses; and
- (c) Monitoring workplace absenteeism and other mechanisms.

(2) Request submission of appropriate clinical specimens from a sample of patients with influenza-like illness to the Washington state public health laboratories or other laboratory approved by the state health officer.

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