

Table 1 Case definition of influenza caused by pandemic (H1N1) 2009 virus infection

Severe acute respiratory illness (SARI)	A person meeting the case definition of influenza-like illness (above) AND shortness of breath OR difficulty in breathing requiring hospital admission.
Acute respiratory infection (ARI)	Acute respiratory tract illness that is caused by an infectious agent transmitted from person to person. The onset of symptoms is typically rapid, over a period of hours to several days. Symptoms include fever, cough, and often sore throat, coryza, shortness of breath, wheezing, or difficulty breathing.
Confirmed case of Pandemic (H1N1) 2009	An individual with an influenza-like illness with laboratory confirmed pandemic (H1N1) 2009 virus infection by ≥ 1 of the following tests: real time reverse-transcription polymerase (RT-PCR) viral culture.
Probable case of Pandemic (H1N1) 2009	An individual with an influenza-like illness who is positive for influenza A that is unsubtypable by real-time PCR, OR An individual with a clinically compatible illness or who died of an unexplained acute respiratory illness who is considered to be epidemiologically linked to a probable or confirmed case.
Suspected case of Pandemic (H1N1) 2009	An individual with acute respiratory illness and fever (reported or documented fever), and one of the followings; cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, difficulty in breathing or chest pains with onset: within 7 days of close contact with a person who is a probable or confirmed case of pandemic (H1N1) 2009 virus infection, OR within 7 days of travel to a country/community where there has been one or more confirmed cases of pandemic (H1N1) 2009 virus infection, OR Resides in a community where there is one or more confirmed cases of pandemic (H1N1) 2009 virus infection.