Strategy for On-Scene Rapid Triage (SORT) For Pandemic Influenza

**Confirm Patient Presents with Influenza Like Illness (ILI)**
- Fever $\geq 38.3\, \text{C}$ or $101\, \text{F}$ or history of fever
- AND
- Cough or sore throat

**Conduct Assessment for Indicators of Increased Risk of Severe Illness**
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**Child / Adult - In-person Assessment**

- Age $>65$ years or age $<5$ years
- Confused or less responsive than normal
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Cyanosis or skin rash
- Seizures
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Severe or persistent vomiting

**Answers yes to one or more indicators of severe illness**

- **Yes**
  - Elevated Risk: Transport

**Assess for Co-morbid Conditions**
- Pregnant
- Cancer
- Blood disorders (including sickle cell disease)
- Chronic lung disease (including asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- Diabetes
- Heart Disease
- Kidney disorders including dialysis
- Liver disorder
- Neurological disease (including nervous system, brain, or spinal cord)
- Neuromuscular disorders (including muscular dystrophy and multiple sclerosis)
- Weakened immune system (including organ transplant recipients, people with AIDS, immunosuppressive medications)
- Morbidly obese (about $>250$ lbs. for women; $>300$ lbs. for men)
- Flu-like symptoms improve but return

**Does patient have one or more co-morbid conditions?**

- **Yes**
  - Intermediate Risk:
    - Advise patient to contact their healthcare provider today (or to call 1-800-978-3040 for local clinic referral information).
    - Leave “Decision Chart” with patient/family member and instruct in use.
    - If no healthcare option available: TRANSPORT.

- **No**
  - Low Risk:
    - Probably OK for self-care at home.
    - Leave “Decision Chart” with patient/family member and instruct in use.