Laboratory Testing for Avian Influenza A H5N1 Virus Is Recommended:

**Clinical Criteria**
- Patient with illness that requires hospitalization or is fatal
- Documented temperature of $\geq 38^\circ C$ ($\geq 100.4^\circ F$);
- Radiographically confirmed pneumonia, acute respiratory disease syndrome (ARDS) or other severe respiratory illness without alternate diagnosis.

**Epidemiologic Criteria**
- At least 1 of following potential exposures (A, B or C) within 10 days of symptom onset:
  - A. Travel to country with documented H5N1 in poultry, wild birds and/or humans
    - AND at least 1 of the following:
      - Direct contact with (e.g., touching) sick or dead domestic poultry;
      - Direct contact with surfaces contaminated with poultry feces;
      - Consumption of raw or incompletely cooked poultry or poultry products;
      - Direct contact with sick or dead wild birds suspected or confirmed with H5N1;
      - Close contact (approach within approximately 3 feet) of a person who was hospitalized or died due to severe and unexplained respiratory illness;
  - B. Close contact (approach within approximately 3 feet) of an ill patient who was confirmed or suspected to have H5N1;
  - C. Worked with live influenza H5N1 in a laboratory.

Laboratory Testing for H5N1 Virus Can Be Considered:
(Consult with Public Health)
- Patient with mild or atypical disease who meets criteria A, B or C above
- Patient with severe or fatal respiratory disease whose epidemiologic information is uncertain, unavailable or otherwise suspicious, but does not meet criteria A, B or C

If Clinical and Epidemiologic Criteria Are Met:
- Initiate standard, droplet, and airborne precautions plus eye protection
- NOTIFY PUBLIC HEALTH at 206-296-4774 and hospital infection control
- Evaluate and initiate treatment as clinically indicated
- Collect and submit specimens for influenza virus testing after consultation with Public Health
- Begin empiric antiviral treatment
- Help identify contacts, including healthcare workers

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2. Interim Recommendations for Infection Control in Health-Care Facilities Caring for Patients with Known or Suspected Avian Influenza: [http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avian/professional/infect-control.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avian/professional/infect-control.htm)

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