

Line List Template

Instructions:

This document is designed to be used as a line list template for investigations of outbreaks of unexplained respiratory illness. Upon notification of a potential cluster or outbreak, this document can be used to collect and organize preliminary information on cases. Each case should be assigned a unique identifier (CaseID) and his/her respective information should be added to a single row in the spreadsheet. The data fields contained on this spreadsheet are suggestions and should be modified to reflect the needs of the current outbreak situation. Definitions and suggested values for the data fields can be found on page 4 of this document.

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CaseID:	Unique identifier assigned to each case-patient for this investigation
Case initials:	Case-patient initials
Age:	Age in years
Sex:	Male, Female or Unknown
Onset date:	Date of symptom onset, mm/dd/yy
Current status:	Outpatient, Inpatient, Inpatient ICU, Discharged, Died
Location:	Hospital, City, County
Case category:	Confirmed, probable, suspect
Epi Links:	Known exposures, affiliations or connections to other cases
Underlying conditions:	Significant immunodeficiencies, medications or other conditions that may alter the patient's susceptibility or course
Chest x-ray:	Was a chest x-ray performed? If so, what were the results?
Specimens collected:	Examples: Nasopharyngeal (NP) swab, nasopharyngeal wash/aspirate, oropharyngeal (OP) swab, sputum, tracheal aspirate, bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL), pleural fluid, lung tissue, blood, serum, urine
Testing requested:*	Examples: Culture, antigen detection, antibody/serology, polymerase chain reaction (PCR), immunohistochemistry (ICH)
Results:*	Findings of laboratory testing to date

*Indicate specimen type for each test or result documented