

Procedure for Viral Sampling

Send:

Acute samples within 7 days of onset of symptoms:

- For respiratory swabs please see guidance in pack or call local CCDC
- Plus serum sample
- Add eye swab if there is conjunctivitis
- (Virologist may also require additional samples: EDTA blood, stool, urine samples)

PLUS where possible send convalescent serum sample > 14 days. Send all samples in appropriate safe packaging (Category B).

NOTE: Viral transport specimens may be sent to CFI Colindale for further work
Virus culture will NOT be performed in patients with suspected swine influenza
Contact 02920 742178 or 02920747747 (out-of-hours) for duty Consultant Clinical Virologist at NPHS Microbiology Cardiff

Swine Flu Investigation kits

Swine Flu Investigation kits are available at OOH centres across Wales and through your local Health Protection Team.

These kits must only be used after discussion with the local CCDC and for investigation of possible Swine Flu Cases

Contact Details for CCDC/out of hours Public Health Service

Between 9am and 5pm ring:

- o For South East (including Gwent) region - 029 20402478
- o For South West region (including Dyfed Powys) - 01792 607387
- o For North Wales - 01352 803234

After 5pm (out of hours) ring and ask for on-call Consultant in Communicable Disease Control:

- o For South East (including Gwent) region – 01633 293272
- o For South West region (including Dyfed Powys) – 01267 222555
- o For North Wales – 01248 689123