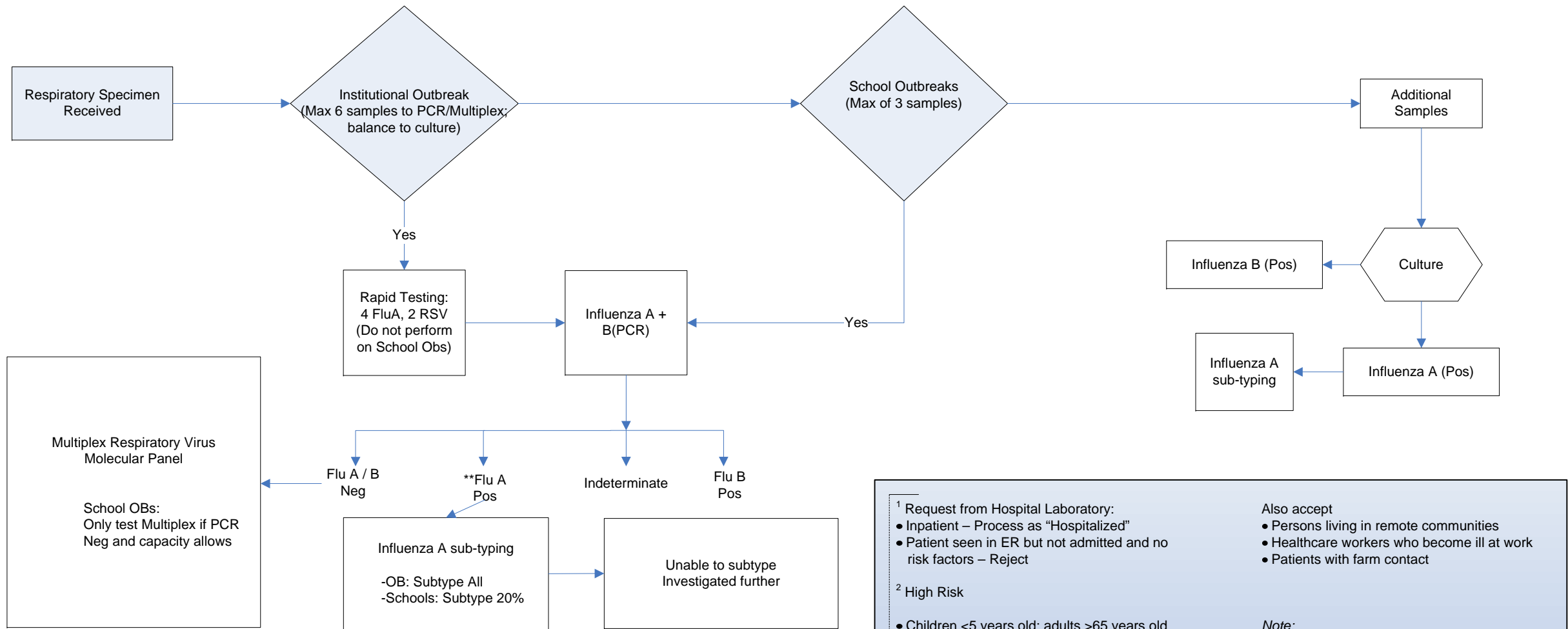


# Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion Laboratories

## Information for Healthcare Providers on Respiratory Outbreak Viral Testing

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For Non-Outbreak Specimens See: Information for Healthcare Providers on Respiratory Viral Testing



<sup>1</sup> Request from Hospital Laboratory:

- Inpatient – Process as “Hospitalized”
- Patient seen in ER but not admitted and no risk factors – Reject

Also accept

- Persons living in remote communities
- Healthcare workers who become ill at work
- Patients with farm contact

<sup>2</sup> High Risk

- Children <5 years old; adults >65 years old
- Pregnancy
- Residents of long-term care facilities (LTCF)
- Morbid obesity
- <18 years of age on Salicylates / Aspirin

People with chronic health conditions, including:

- Cardiac or Pulmonary disorders, (e.g. asthma)
- Diabetes mellitus and other metabolic diseases
- Immunodeficiency / Cancer; Immunosuppression
- Renal disease
- Neurological or neuromuscular conditions
- Anemia or hemoglobinopathy

*Note:*

<sup>1</sup> Hospitalized patient, with or without risk factors: Perform Influenza PCR regardless of whether it is requested.

<sup>2</sup> Ambulatory patient with risk factor: Only perform PCR if Flu or H1N1 is specifically requested.