

## Hospital Template Triage

*Assumptions: We are in Phase 6 of a pandemic of influenza. Phase 6 is defined as a pandemic with increased and sustained transmission in the general population.*

### **Triage of infectious pandemic patients away from the emergency department and other ambulatory settings**

- Identify criteria for initiation of enhanced triage and/or off site triage
  - Authority and responsibility to initiate
- Designate a location for off site triage
- Identify how staff are assigned to the triage function
- Define how transmission will be prevented in the triage area.
- Designate an evaluation and treatment area for patients identified as contagious
  - For emergency treatment of non influenza conditions within the hospital system (i.e., acute chest pain)
  - For treatment of influenza symptoms
  - If there are other hospitals in your community consider a cooperative effort to establish a designated influenza clinic

### Meritcare Template Resources:

- Triage Algorithm
- Triage Organization
- Adult Triage Sheet
- Pediatric Triage Sheet