

AVIAN INFLUENZA FORM

For Virology and Referral Microbiology Tests
AFFIX LABEL OR ENTER DETAILS LEGIBLY

Send to: REGIONAL VIRUS LABORATORY, Kelvin Building, Royal Group of Hospitals Trust, Grosvenor Road, Belfast BT12 6BA. **Phone 02890 632662 before sending this specimen.**

Male/Female	Surname	Forename	D.O.B.
Address		Hospital No.	Date of Onset
		Hospital	Consultant /GP
		Ward / Clinic	
		Postcode	
Country of infection			

Please tick a respective box for each specimen taken.

1. **Nasal /Pharyngeal Swabs** for Respiratory Virus PCR
Nasopharyngeal swabs – Insert swab into nostril parallel to the palate and leave in place for a few seconds to absorb secretions.
Oropharyngeal swabs - Swab both posterior pharynx and tonsillar areas, avoiding the tongue. *Place both swabs in the vial lysis buffer, cut the shafts off near the tip to permit tightening of the cap*
2. **Sputum** (Sterile Container) - for Bacterial culture & Viral PCR
3. **Urine** (Sterile Container) – Clean Catch 20 – 30 mls - for Legionella / Pneumococcal urinary antigen.
4. **Clotted blood** – 20 mls for respiratory serology
 - Acute Serology
 - Convalescent Serology (>10days post onset days)

Specimen Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Plan specimen collection to avoid repeat sampling. – Hazard stickers should be attached to the form & specimen. – DO NOT pre-wet the swabs in the viral lysis buffer before swabbing the throat or nasal passage as it could cause tissue inflammation. – Appropriate infection control measures should be followed by health care workers during specimen collection. Contact infection control for local advice.
Signature	

- Ensure that specimens are in a separate sealed plastic bag and the container lids are well secured to prevent leakage in transit. Transport specimens to the local laboratory in a robust and leak proof container.
- Disinfect the outside of the specimen bags with an alcohol wipe.
- Avoid contamination of this form – fill in before taking specimens and do not bring this form into the patients' room.
- This form may be photocopied or downloaded from the CDSCNI website www.cdscni.org.uk
- CCDC and Laboratory should be informed that the sample is being sent.
- **DO NOT USE A PNEUMATIC TUBE OR PUBLIC TRANSPORT (E.G. TAXI) FOR SPECIMEN TRANSFER.**