

ILI Patient Assessment and Management Options

As we prepare for influenza season, please utilize the following guidelines to assist in caring for patients. You will find three categories below that outline the appropriate information needed for your practice, based on your decision to evaluate and/or test symptomatic patients.

Practice Strategy	Guidelines
No Testing or In-Person Evaluation	<p>Assess patient and identify the best course of action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Telehealth visit: Complete a brief telehealth visit to evaluate the patient. Identify if testing is needed. ● Treat empirically, without testing. ● Respiratory POC testing: If testing is needed, enter orders and direct the patient to the most appropriate testing location. Following results, identify the appropriate course of action, such as ICC evaluation, in-person visit or telephone visit. ● Evaluation and testing: Provide the patient with the option to be evaluated and tested at their closest ICC.
In-Person Evaluation and On-Site Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hours: Identify time to allow for evaluation and testing, such as at the end of the clinic day or a set number of patients per hour. ● Evaluation: Ensure “Expected ILI Workflow” is utilized with the appropriate PPE. ● Respiratory POC testing: Confirm you have a testing location that is free of distractions, with a closed door, in alignment with Respiratory POC Testing Guidelines. ● Unplanned ILI visits: Adhere to the “Unplanned ILI Workflow” outlined in the Ambulatory Reactivation Playbook.
In-Person Evaluation; No On-Site Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hours: Identify time to allow for evaluation, such as at the end of the clinic day or a set number of patients per hour. ● Evaluation: Ensure “Expected ILI Workflow” is utilized with the appropriate PPE. ● Respiratory POC testing: If testing is needed, enter orders and direct the patient to the most appropriate testing location. ● Unplanned ILI visits: Please adhere to the “Unplanned ILI Workflow” outlined in the Ambulatory Reactivation Playbook.