

## MDS Alert

### Clip 'N' Save: Keep Careful Records To Keep Influenza Under Control

Early detection can help protect residents, limit costs.

If influenza strikes your facility, diligence and solid communication with your state department of public health can help you limit its toll.

Use or adapt this form to track the following:

- **Influenza-like illness (ILI):** Fever > or equal to 100 degrees F orally AND new cough or sore throat.
- **Influenza outbreak:** Suspected when three or more cases of ILI are detected during a period of 48 hours.
- **Confirmed outbreak:** At least one resident has a positive culture or rapid-antigen test for influenza.

