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Subject:	Influenza
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Requested:

1. Your definition of an active case of influenza.
2. The methods used to confirm an influenza case and distinguish it from other viral acute respiratory infections.

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not hold the information requested as there is no single universal definition for an active case of Influenza held by the UHB.

However, whilst operating in accordance with the Section 45 Freedom of Information Code of Practice, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance. The definition of an active case of Influenza can vary, typically, patients will be categorized as either symptomatic or confirmed via testing.

Further information may be available from Public Health Wales (PHW). The PHW Freedom of Information (FOI) team can be contacted as follows:

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2. The UHB laboratory that undertakes testing for Influenza uses three (3) testing methods to distinguish it from other viral acute respiratory infections, which are listed below:
 - Seegene Allpex RV Master Assay
 - Cepheid GeneXpert XPERT Xpress CoV-2/Flu/RSV plus
 - Biofire Filmarray rp2.1 plus

The method used is governed by the clinical information supplied and the urgency of the result.