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| **Patient Name**: | **DOB**: |
| □ Initial 14 day influenza antiviral chemoprophylaxis  | □ Additional 7 day influenza antiviral chemoprophylaxis |

**Message:**

*<insert name of LTCF>* is experiencing an outbreak of influenza-like illness (ILI).

To prevent additional illness among residents and staff as well as decrease rates of complications, hospitalizations, and deaths among residents, we have implemented our influenza outbreak response which includes administering influenza antiviral chemoprophylaxis.

Per CDC guidelines, chemoprophylaxis should be:

1. Administered to **all eligible LTCF residents**, including those who received influenza vaccination during the previous fall, and
2. Initiated **within 48 hours** after an exposure for most effective protection, and
3. Continued for a **minimum of 2 weeks**. If new cases continue to occur, chemoprophylaxis should be **continued until 7 days after illness onset** in the last patient.

**Please provide a prescription for influenza antiviral chemoprophylaxis for your patient.**

For information on antiviral dosing, duration and special considerations go to:

[www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/antivirals/summary-clinicians.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/antivirals/summary-clinicians.htm)