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**TO:** Physicians who care for Pregnant Women  
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The Michigan Department of Community Health has asked us to share this message with you.

### Health Care Provider Announcement:

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and your local health departments are working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to monitor severe influenza infection in pregnant and postpartum women. If you are caring for any pregnant or immediately postpartum (within 6 weeks of delivery) women who either die or are admitted to an intensive care unit for treatment of any type of influenza, please call MDCH at (517) 335-8165 or your local health department to report the case. This important public health effort cannot succeed without your help.

CDC has extensive guidance available on their website regarding the care and treatment of pregnant women. Please see the following links:

[http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/clinician\\_pregnant.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/clinician_pregnant.htm)

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/recommendations.htm>

If you have questions about this guidance for pregnant women, you may call CDC at 404-368-2133 and you will be directed to a subject matter expert. This clinical consultation hotline is available for clinicians 24/7.: