

## Points of Revision in the Implementation Guideline of Active Surveillance

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Due to the new findings regarding the novel A(H1N1) influenza, the Implementation Guideline of Active Surveillance is revised in the following points.

1. Reflecting the Characteristics of the Novel A(H1N1) Influenza Virus
  - Incubation period is changed from 10 days to 7 days, since it is considered to be 7 days at the longest.
  - Transmission from animals is deleted, since the route of transmission is human to human.
  - The minimum personal protective equipment (PPE) for the epidemiologist is changed to surgical mask and gloves.
  
2. According to the response for individuals who closely contacted with patients
  - To clarify the definition of individuals who closely contacted with patients, based on whether they have talked with patients or not, or they have worn Personal Protective Equipments (PPE) appropriately or not.
  - Request individuals who closely contacted with patients to take more flexible practicing measures to avoid spread of infection rather than staying at home, based on revised guidelines.
  - To change the indication of prophylaxis with antivirals not all individuals who closely contacted with patients but of whom with some medical problems in principle, based on revised guidelines.
  
3. Other points
  - The item regarding pre-pandemic vaccine is deleted, since that is used for prevention of Avian Influenza (A/H5N1) infection purposes.
  - The document for use as explanatory material to survey respondent at actual survey is added for reference.  
(~Request for cooperation in active surveillance~)