

Identification of ILI / SARI / ARI cases As per WHO case definition (Referred and Systematic collected samples)

Severe acute respiratory infections (SARI): An acute respiratory infection with a history of fever or measured fever of $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ and cough with onset within the last 7 days and requires overnight hospitalization.

Influenza like illness (ILI): Acute onset within the last 10 days following respiratory symptoms, measured fever of $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ and cough.

Acute respiratory illness (ARI): Sudden onset of respiratory infection symptoms (cough, sore throat shortness of breath, coryza)

Sample Collection: Optimum viability of Influenza virus is at 2-8°C; NP swab / Throat swab / Nasal aspirate (place on ice / cold packs at 2-8°C / 4°C for transport to lab) in vial containing 1-3 ml VTM. Swab should be collected with Synthetic tip (Polyster / Plastic shift)

