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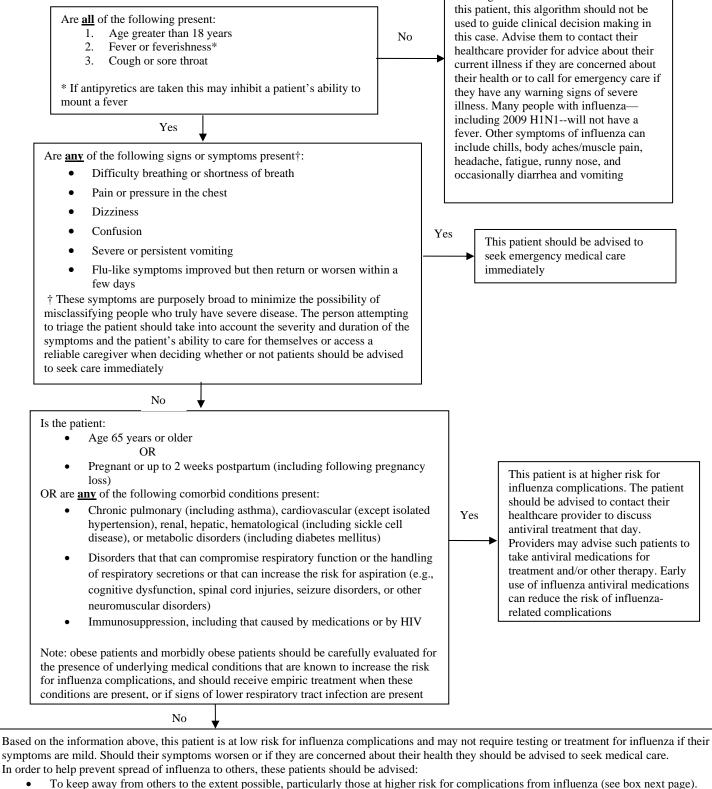
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- To keep away from others to the extent possible, particularly those at higher risk for complications from influenza (see box next page). This may include staying in a separate room with the door closed.
- To cover their coughs and sneezes
- Wash their hands frequently with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand rub if soap and water are not available
- Stay home until 24 hours after their fever is gone

More information available at: http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance_homecare.htm

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For all adult (older than 18 years of age) patients triaged using this algorithm the following should also be assessed:

