

## **Objective Criteria to determine Community Spread of Pandemic Influenza A H1N1**

“If there is 25 or more epidemiologically linked suspect cases of Pandemic Influenza A H1N1 of which at least one or more are laboratory confirmed for Pandemic Influenza A H1N1, in two or more cities, over a period of two weeks, then the State would be considered to be having community spread”.

### **Application**

States that report community spread, the curative approach would be followed (i) To screen Influenza like illness in designated health facilities (ii) Categorization into A, B and C categories, (iii) home isolation for category A and B and (iv) hospitalization for Category C. Treatment with Oseltamivir would continue to be for Category B and Category C (refer to patient categorization guidelines).

States not reporting community spread, would continue to do (i) testing of suspect cases (ii) contact tracing and (iii) chemoprophylaxis to family, school and social contacts. This would continue till such time they report community spread.