Instructions:

This document is designed to be used as a line list template for investigations of outbreaks of unexplained respiratory illness. Upon notification of a potential cluster or outbreak, this document can be used to collect and organize preliminary information on cases. Each case should be assigned a unique identifier (CaseID) and his/her respective information should be added to a single row in the spreadsheet. The data fields contained on this spreadsheet are suggestions and should be modified to reflect the needs of the current outbreak situation. Definitions and suggested values for the data fields can be found on page 4 of this document.

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CaseID*	Case Initials	Age	Sex	Onset date	Current Status	Location	Case Category	Epi Links	Underlying Conditions

^{*}Page 4 contains a description of the column headings

Reporting County or State:	Date of Initial Report:
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CaseID	Chest x-ray	Specimens collected	Testing requested	Results

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Unique identifier assigned to each case-patient for this investigation				
Case-patient initials				
Age in years				
Male, Female or Unknown				
Date of symptom onset, mm/dd/yy				
Outpatient, Inpatient ICU, Discharged, Died				
Hospital, City, County				
Confirmed, probable, suspect				
Known exposures, affiliations or connections to other cases				
Significant immunodeficiencies, medications or other conditions that may alter the patient's susceptibility or course				
Was a chest x-ray performed? If so, what were the results?				
Examples: Nasopharyngeal (NP) swab, nasopharyngeal wash/aspirate, oropharyngeal (OP) swab, sputum, tracheal aspirate, bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL), pleural fluid, lung tissue, blood, serum, urine				
Examples: Culture, antigen detection, antibody/serology, polymerase chain reaction (PCR), immunohistochemistry (ICH)				
Findings of laboratory testing to date				

^{*}Indicate specimen type for each test or result documented

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