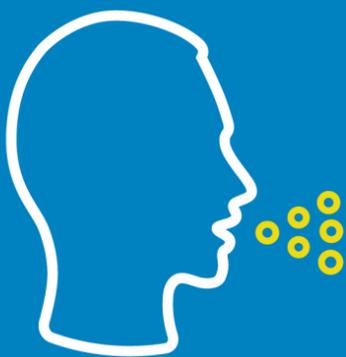


When to Prescribe a **Flu** Antiviral

When influenza is spreading widely in the community, prescribe antivirals as shown:*



- Fever + Cough
or
- Fever + Sore Throat
or
- Influenza otherwise suspected



- Seriously ill
or
- Age <2 or >65
- Pregnant or recently pregnant
- Asthma, COPD or chronic lung disorder
- Diabetes
- Other high-risk conditions:
 - Chronic heart, kidney, liver or blood disorders
 - Neurologic disorders that cause breathing problems
 - Immunocompromised
 - Age <19 + long-term aspirin therapy
 - Morbid obesity (BMI \geq 40)

Treat as soon as possible with *oseltamivir*, *peramivir* or *zanamivir*. Do not wait for test results.

For more information, call the Health Department's Provider Access Line at 1-866-692-3641.



*Find a complete list of high-risk conditions and guidance on antiviral use at nyc.gov/health.