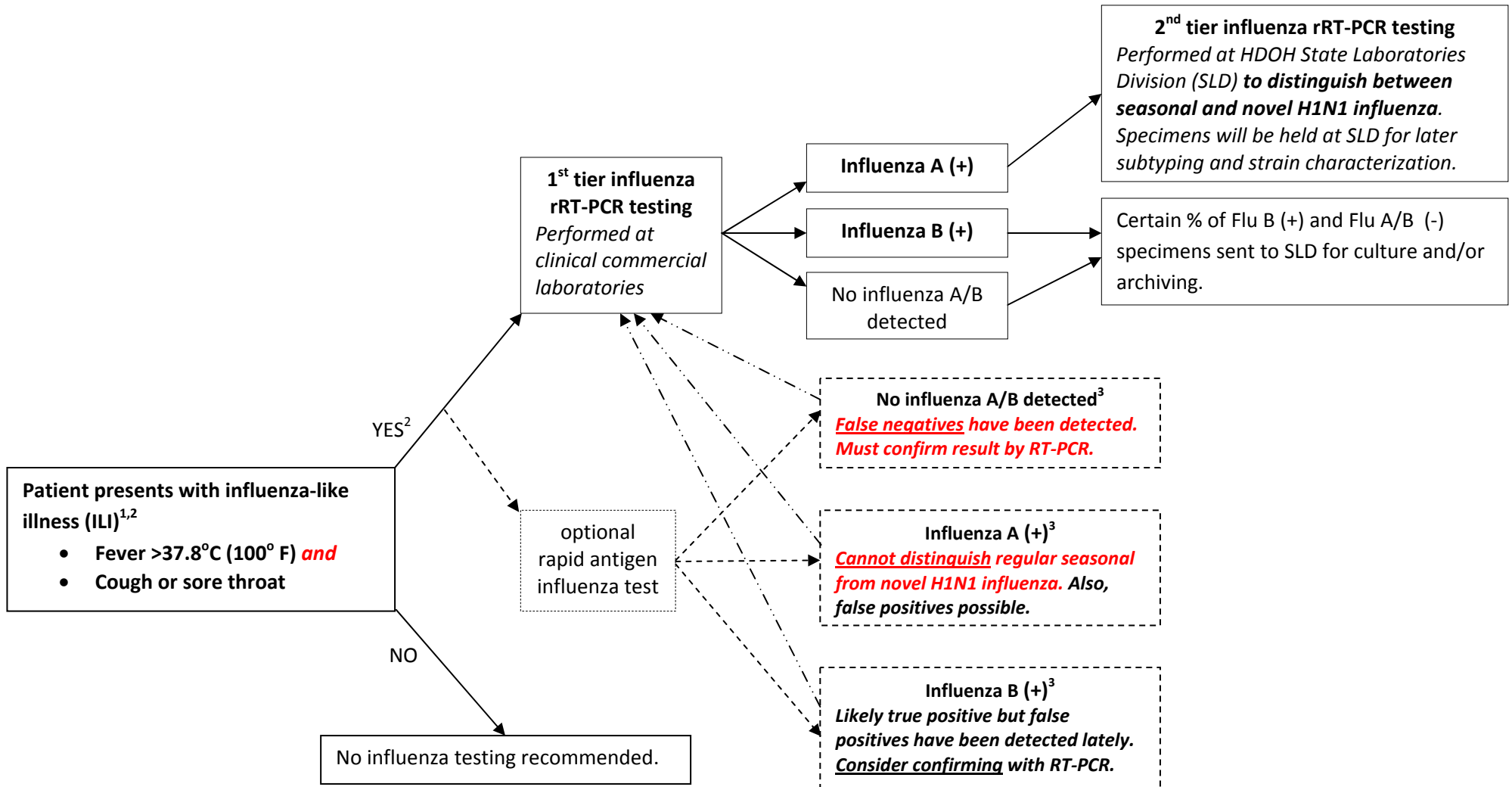


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Explanation of Diagnostic Options for Influenza-like Illness



¹ For all patients who fulfill ILI criteria (regardless of whether eventually confirmed as seasonal vs. novel H1N1 influenza, HDOH recommends that they **remain home** from work or school and do not attend social gatherings **for 7 days or 24 hours post resolution of symptoms** (i.e., fever), or whichever is longer. For all other confirmed etiologies, patients are advised to stay at home until symptoms resolve.

² Clinicians may want to refer to Medical Advisory: Suggested Prioritization Schema for Influenza RT-PCR Testing, 18 May 2009 at http://hawaii.gov/health/about/about/healthalerts/MedAdvisory_18May09.pdf. Also, for those patients presenting within 48 hours and at high risk for complications or presenting even greater than 48 hours and severely ill, clinicians may want to consider empiric treatment (refer to accompanying Interim Guidance for Diagnosing and Treating Influenza-like Illness during Novel Influenza H1N1 (swine flu) Community Transmission algorithm, 19 May 2009).

³ Some specimens bypass 1st tier rRT-PCR testing and are sent by commercial laboratories directly to SLD.