## WHAT ONE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ZOONOTIC INFLUENZA!

Influenza, commonly called "the flu" is an illness caused by influenza viruses that infect many animals, birds and humans.



Only influenza A viruses from animals transmitted to humans through direct contact or indirect exposure to infected birds or pigs are known as zoonotic influenza.

It is difficult to differentiate seasonal



and zoonotic influenza as signs and symptoms can be similar. However, exposure to poultry or pigs is a must for suspicion of zoonotic influenza.

Please note that influenza A (H1N1) pdm09 should not be called "swine flu" as it is no longer found in pigs.

Influenza A (H1N1) pdm09 is now a seasonal influenza virus.



