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Dear Principal/Person-in-charge,

**Prevention and Management of Human Swine Influenza A(H1N1)
in Secondary Schools**

Latest surveillance data shows that Human Swine Influenza (HSI) is now widely circulating in our community. HSI in Hong Kong is so far manifesting itself in a relatively mild manner resembling seasonal flu, like in most other countries. HSI has already caused a number of outbreaks in secondary schools, and these schools have their summer holiday advanced with a view to minimizing disease transmission.

For schools that have not started their summer holidays, if **any** students or staff of your school are **confirmed positive for Human Swine Influenza A/H1N1**, please remind the **parents or staff to report to your school**. The school should then report the confirmed HSI cases to our Central Notification Office (CENO) by fax (2477-2770) or by phone (2477-2772). **Increase in number of students or staff with respiratory illness should also be reported.**

To prevent outbreaks in the school setting, staff and students with fever and respiratory symptoms are strongly advised not to attend school, they should wear mask and seek medical advice promptly.

Currently, the Hospital Authority is operating 8 Designated Flu Clinics (DFC) for diagnosis and treatment of patients with symptoms of influenza-like-illness. Patients with severe illness would be admitted to hospitals for further management. Further information of DFC is available at Hospital Authority's website:

http://www.ha.org.hk/visitor/ha_visitor_index.asp?Parent_ID=311&Content_ID=138537&Dimension=100&Lang=ENG

For the latest information and health education material on HSI, please see our CHP website at www.chp.gov.hk. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Yours faithfully,



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