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To: Supervisors/Principals of all Kindergartens, Kindergarten cum Child Care Centres,
Secondary, Primary and Special Schools

Dear Supervisor/Principal,

Keep Close Contact for Prevention of Influenza Outbreaks

In view of the recent increasing trend of influenza outbreaks in schools, we understand that schools and parents are having concerns over the situation. This Bureau would like to urge all schools again to observe the guidelines issued by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health in the implementation of various preventive measures against the outbreak of influenza in schools. Meanwhile, when schools encounter outbreaks of communicable diseases, they should submit relevant notification to CHP immediately and keep this Bureau informed. Besides, schools should maintain close contact with CHP for monitoring of influenza outbreaks and implementation of relevant controlling measures. Schools should also establish an effective communication mechanism with parents for dissemination of important messages at any time.

We anticipate that some schools may come across influenza outbreak involving a greater number of affected pupils and, on the advice of CHP, have a need to suspend classes for a short period. If schools, with outbreak cases confirmed by CHP, have any questions relating to class suspension, they should confirm the situation with the responsible officers of CHP and respective School Development Section (SDS) before arriving at any decision. Schools should maintain a close contact with CHP and SDS for securing relevant advice and supports.

For enquiries, please contact the relevant medical officers of CHP and your respective Senior School Development Officer/Pre-primary Services Officer.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Education