Dear Principal of Primary School or Person-in-charge of Kindergarten/ Child Care Centre,

2017/18 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Arrangement for Children

In 2017/18 vaccination season, the Government will continue to provide free/subsidised seasonal influenza vaccination to children (Hong Kong resident) who are aged between 6 months to under 12 years or attending a primary school in Hong Kong. To promote and facilitate arrangement, we would like to seek your assistance in:

(1) distributing the attached “Letter to Parents” to each pupil’s parents by either hard copy or email and upload it to your school website, if applicable, to let them have more understanding of the seasonal influenza vaccination and encourage them to bring their children for vaccination; and

(2) arranging vaccination activity in your school/ kindergarten/ child care centre (outreach service provided by private doctors enrolled under the Vaccination Subsidy Scheme). From the experience of participated schools, vaccination activities in schools were effective in decreasing the number of school absentees due to influenza and parents/ guardians would also appreciate the school arrangement. You may wish to visit the following webpages for details of arranging vaccination activity in school/ kindergarten/ child care centre:

(i) “Briefing on Arrangement for Seasonal Influenza Vaccination in 2017/18 for School Representatives” (http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/view_content/49417.html);

and

Seasonal influenza vaccine is safe and effective. We should be most grateful if you would encourage your school children to have vaccination for personal protection and prevention of outbreaks in school/kindergarten/child care centre. For any enquiries, please call our hotline at 2125 2125.

Thank you for your assistance in advance.

Yours sincerely,

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