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Dear Principal / Person-in-charge,

Lifting of Additional Measure on Temperature Monitoring in Schools

I refer to our previous letter dated March 2, 2016 concerning the additional measure on temperature monitoring in schools during the winter influenza season, i.e. schools should actively check the body temperature of all students every day when they arrive at school. We would like to inform you that this additional measure on temperature monitoring can be lifted as the winter influenza season has already ended. The normal practice on identification of students with fever in your school can be resumed. You may wish to note that the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) has issued guidelines to schools on prevention of communicable diseases which can be accessed at:

http://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/guidelines_on_prevention_of_communicable_diseases_in_schools_kindergartens_kindergartens_cum_child_care-centres_child_are_centres.pdf

To prevent outbreaks of influenza or other respiratory infections, children with fever and respiratory symptoms are strongly advised not to attend school till 48 hours after the fever has subsided. Staff with respiratory illnesses who are suspected to be epidemiologically linked to an outbreak should refrain from work.

If you notice an increase in respiratory illnesses or absenteeism among children or staff in your institution/ school, please report promptly to our Central Notification



Office (Tel: 2477 2772; Fax: 2477 2770) for immediate epidemiological investigations and outbreak control. For the latest information on influenza activity, please visit the CHP's pages below for more information:

- The influenza page (http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/view_content/14843.html); and
- The weekly Flu Express report (http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/view_content/2108.html).

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'SK Chuang', written in a cursive style.

(Dr. SK Chuang)

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