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Dear Principal / Person-in-charge,

End of Influenza Season in Hong Kong

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health announced the end of the influenza season beginning in early April 2023. Schools should continue to advise students and staff to maintain personal, hand and environmental hygiene against respiratory infections including COVID-19. The normal practice on identification of students with fever in your school can be resumed. The 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 respiratory infections, students with fever (oral temperature higher than 37.5°C, or ear temperature higher than 38°C), regardless of the presence of respiratory symptoms, should not be allowed to attend school. Staff should be alert of their own conditions and should refrain from work if they have fever or respiratory symptoms.

If you notice an increase in fever or respiratory symptoms among students or staff, please report promptly to our Central Notification Office (Tel: 2477 2772; Fax: 2477 2770; Email: diseases@dh.gov.hk) for prompt epidemiological investigations and outbreak control. For the latest information on influenza activity, please refer to “The COVID-19 & Flu Express” (<https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/resources/29/100148.html>).

On the other hand, COVID-19 activity persists in the community and CHP will continue to closely monitor the situation. Members of the public, including young children, are strongly urged to complete vaccination as early as possible for effective protection against COVID-19. Receiving COVID-19 vaccination can effectively reduce the risk of serious illness and death from infection.



Thank you for your unfailing support in prevention and control of communicable diseases.

Yours faithfully,

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