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Dear Principal/Person-in-charge,

A Local Case of Dengue Fever

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health would like to draw your attention to a local case of dengue fever (DF). As rising temperatures and increased rainfall in summer create favourable conditions for mosquito breeding, the CHP remind schools and institutions to remain vigilant against the disease.

The patient is a 67-year-old retired man with underlying illnesses. He developed a rash on 24 May and fever, dizziness and muscle ache on 26 May. He attended the Accident and Emergency Department of Caritas Medical Centre on the same day. Due to persistent fever, he sought further medical attention at a private clinic on 29 May. On 1 June, he travelled to the Chinese Mainland with a family member and sought medical treatment at a hospital there with his blood sample tested positive for dengue virus. The patient remains hospitalised in the Chinese Mainland and is in stable condition.

Initial investigations revealed that the patient lives in Ki Lung Street in Sham Shui Po (SSP). He had no travel history outside Hong Kong during the incubation period and primarily stayed in the vicinity of his residence (including Tung Chau Street Park and Pei Ho Street Market). Therefore, the CHP classified the case as locally acquired. Nonetheless, he was not aware of having been bitten by mosquitoes in Hong Kong. All his four household contacts remain asymptomatic.

DF is an acute febrile illness. The disease is transmitted by the bite of infective mosquito and the incubation period ranges from 3 to 14 days. Symptoms include high fever, severe headache, pain behind the eyes, rash, muscle and joint pains. In severe cases, manifestations of bleeding tendency and even death may occur. We would like to seek your help in the prevention of DF by taking part in mosquito control actions and adopting personal protective measures against mosquito bites. The following preventive measures should be taken to prevent accumulation of stagnant water



and eliminate mosquito breeding sites:-

- Thoroughly check all gully traps, roof gutters, surface channels and drains to prevent blockage;
- Scrub and clean drains and surface channels with an alkaline detergent compound at least once a week to remove any deposited mosquito eggs;
- Properly dispose of refuse, such as soft drink cans, empty bottles and boxes, in covered litter containers;
- Completely change the water of flowers and plants at least once a week. The use of saucers should be avoided if possible;
- Level irregular ground surfaces before the rainy season; and
- Avoid staying in shrubby areas.

Members of the public are also advised to take personal protective measures such as wearing light-coloured long-sleeved clothes and trousers and apply insect repellent containing DEET to clothing or uncovered areas of the body when doing outdoor activities.

As the patient had been active in SSP after the onset of his illness, the CHP will, as a precautionary measure, set up a health consultation booth at the Neighbour Care · Buildings Support Center (Address: 165 Tai Nan Street, SSP) starting from 3 June 3 to provide health assessment and conduct free DF antibody tests for members of the public with relevant symptoms (operating hours; 10am to 6pm). The CHP has also set up an enquiry hotline (2125 2373) for the general public to obtain health advice.

More information on preventive measures could be found in the CHP website at <https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/38847.html>.

Yours faithfully,



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