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Dear Person-in-charge,

Maintaining vigilance against measles on campus

In light of the recent global resurgence of measles, we would like to enlist your support in staying vigilant against the disease and promoting vaccinations among non-immune students and staff in order to protect them and the local community.

Measles is a highly contagious disease and remains endemic in many parts of the world. As global vaccination rates fall below pre-pandemic levels, large-scale outbreaks are occurring in multiple countries across North America (including the United States, Canada, and Mexico), Europe (including the United Kingdom and Italy), and Asia (including Indonesia, Bangladesh, and the Philippines). The vast majority of cases have occurred in individuals who were unvaccinated or whose vaccination status was unknown.

Hong Kong was certified by the World Health Organization as having achieved measles elimination in 2016, and the incidence rate has remained low since then. While overall vaccination coverage among the local population is high, individuals born outside Hong Kong may be susceptible to measles if they did not receive the vaccine in their home country, in particular those from countries where measles is endemic or outbreaks are ongoing.

Vaccination is a safe and effective way to protect against the disease and prevent its spread in the local community. To keep the campus safe from measles outbreaks, we would like to solicit your assistance to urge your students and staff (especially those born outside Hong Kong) to ascertain their immune status against measles, and advise those who are not immune or with uncertain immunity to receive two doses of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine as early as possible. Newly recruited students and staff from overseas are also advised to review their immunisation record and get vaccinated before their arrival to Hong Kong.

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In general, people can be considered non-immune to measles if 1) they have not previously had a laboratory-confirmed measles infection; and 2) have not received two doses of a measles-containing vaccine, or their vaccination status or immunity against measles is unknown. Persons who are unvaccinated or have an unknown vaccination history should receive two doses of MMR vaccine while those who have already received one dose of MMR vaccine should get a further dose to complete the course for adequate protection. Measles vaccination is currently available in many private health clinics in Hong Kong.

Along with vaccination, maintaining good personal and environmental hygiene on campus can also help reduce the risk of measles. Please remain vigilant, maintain good indoor ventilation, and ensure regular cleaning/disinfecting of the campus. Any student or staff member with a fever, rash or respiratory symptoms should refrain from school or work and seek medical advice promptly.

Further information on measles is available on the Centre for Health Protection's thematic webpage (https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/100419.html).

We hope you will support our efforts to safeguard the health of our community against measles and other vaccine-preventable diseases.

Yours faithfully,



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