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To: Supervisors/Principals of all Secondary, Primary, Kindergartens,
Kindergarten cum Child Care Centres and Special Schools

Dear Supervisor/Principal,

**Stay Vigilant Against Spread of Influenza and
Respiratory Viral Infections in Schools**

Information provided by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) indicates that Hong Kong is in the winter influenza peak season. In the past two weeks, the Public Health Laboratory Centre has detected a marked increase in the number of influenza isolates. As the Chinese New Year holiday will soon end, we would like to remind schools to continue to stay alert and get well prepared when classes start after the holiday so as to prevent the spread of influenza and other respiratory viral infections in schools.

A copy of the letter titled "Update on Influenza Situation" issued by CHP of the Department of Health on 8 February is enclosed for your reference. Schools should put in place various hygienic and preventive measures against communicable diseases with reference to the recommendations in the letter. Schools should also advise parents to take notice of the health conditions of their children. In case fever or symptoms of respiratory diseases are noted, they should bring their children to the doctors immediately and let their children take rest at home following the advice of the doctors.

If an influenza outbreak occurs in school or an increasing trend or unusual situation in the number of persons taking sick leave due to similar symptoms is noticed (for example, three or more students in the same class develop symptoms of respiratory tract infections in succession within a short time), schools should report the case to CHP (Fax: 2477 2770; Tel: 2477 2772) by completing the "Suspected Infectious Disease Outbreak in School/Kindergarten/KG-cum-CCC/Child Care

Centre” Notification Form, and forward a copy of the Notification Form to their respective Regional Education Offices/Joint Office for Pre-Primary Services.

For enquiries, please contact your respective Senior School Development Officers/Pre-primary Services Officers.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Y F Lee', written in a cursive style.

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for Secretary for Education