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

Dear Supervisor/Principal,

**Be Vigilant Against Influenza and Respiratory Viral Infections**

According to the most recent surveillance data from the Centre for Health Protection (CHP), there was an increase in influenza activity in Hong Kong, which signals that Hong Kong has entered its winter influenza peak season. The Public Health Laboratory Centre has also detected increases in a number of respiratory viral infections. In this connection, we would like to advise schools to stay alert in preventing the spread of influenza and other respiratory viral infections in schools.

A copy of the relevant letter of 17 January from CHP of the Department of Health 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. If parents notice that their children have developed symptoms of respiratory diseases, they should consult their 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.

Besides, as the Chinese New Year vacation is approaching, please advise parents to avoid visiting crowded or poorly-ventilated places with their children as far as possible. If a trip outside Hong Kong is planned during the vacation, parents should take notice of the health conditions of their children after returning to Hong Kong. In case fever or symptoms of respiratory diseases are noted, they should consult their doctors promptly.

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

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Education