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To: Supervisors / Principals of all Schools  
(Except schools offering tutorial courses)

Dear Supervisors / Principals,

**Stand-down of Influenza Response Level and  
Be Vigilant to Guard Against the Spread of Communicable Diseases in Schools**

After reviewing the latest situation of the influenza A (H5) and avian influenza (H5N1), the HKSAR Government decided to lower the influenza response level under the Framework of Government's Preparedness Plan for Influenza Pandemic from "Serious" to "Alert" Response Level with effect from 22 June 2012 (i.e. today).

A copy of the relevant letter from the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of Department of Health (DH) is enclosed for your reference.

Taking this opportunity, we would like to remind schools to continue observing and implementing the preventive and control measures on communicable diseases as advised by CHP.

The summer vacation is approaching. When conducting post-examination extra-curricular activities and summer activities, schools should stay vigilant to guard against the spread of communicable diseases in schools. Schools should clean and disinfect the school premises thoroughly and observe the "Guidelines on Prevention of Communicable Diseases in Schools / Kindergartens / Kindergartens-cum-Child Care Centres / Child Care Centres (August 2011 Edition)" issued by CHP and implement the preventive measures properly in order to reduce the risk of students being infected with communicable diseases. Schools can get access to the aforesaid Guidelines via the following path:

網址: <http://www.edb.gov.hk> 電子郵件: [edbinfo@edb.gov.hk](mailto:edbinfo@edb.gov.hk)

Web site: <http://www.edb.gov.hk> E-mail: [edbinfo@edb.gov.hk](mailto:edbinfo@edb.gov.hk)

*EDB Homepage ([www.edb.gov.hk](http://www.edb.gov.hk)) > School Administration > Administration > Prevention of Communicable Diseases in Schools > A. Latest Information > 2. Guidelines/Useful Materials > Guidelines on Prevention of Communicable Diseases in Schools / Kindergartens / Kindergartens-cum-Child Care Centres / Child Care Centres(August 2011 Edition)*

For the latest information on various communicable diseases, the Education Bureau (EDB) has disseminated to schools the relevant letters issued by CHP and reminded schools to adopt appropriate preventive measures. Schools can retrieve letters recently issued by EDB and CHP via the following path:

*EDB Homepage ([www.edb.gov.hk](http://www.edb.gov.hk)) > School Administration > Administration > Prevention of Communicable Diseases in Schools > A. Latest Information > 1. Letters*

Schools should also remind parents to continue observing the necessary preventive measures against communicable diseases during the summer vacation. They should always maintain the household environment clean and hygienic, take notice of the health conditions of their children and avoid letting their children go to crowded places. If a trip outside Hong Kong is planned, parents should avoid visiting places being affected by communicable diseases with their children and remind their children to maintain personal hygiene and avoid visiting crowded places. Upon returning to Hong Kong, parents should pay close attention to the children's health and seek medical consultation immediately if fever or other symptoms are noted.

If any suspected outbreak of communicable diseases in schools is noticed, schools should report the case to the Central Notification Office of DH (Fax: 2477 2770; Tel: 2477 2772) by completing the "Suspected Infectious Disease Outbreak in School / Kindergarten / KG-cum-CCC / Child Care Centre" Notification Form to facilitate the office to conduct an early epidemiological investigation and outbreak control. Schools should also 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,



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for Secretary for Education