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Supervisors/Principals of all
International Schools, Private Independent Schools,
English Schools Foundation Schools

Dear Supervisor/Principal,

Stepping Up Precautionary Measures Against Human Swine Influenza

The Government has activated the Emergency Response Level under the Preparedness Plan for Pandemic Influenza upon confirmation of an imported case of human swine influenza (Influenza A H1N1) on 1 May 2009. The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of Department of Health (DH) issued a letter on the same day, requesting all schools to take precautionary measures against human swine influenza. Please refer to the letter of 2 May 2009 (a copy is at the Bureau's website: www.edb.gov.hk) sent to all kindergartens, secondary, primary and special schools for the procedures to follow.

According to CHP's letter of 27 April 2009 to schools, if any student and/or staff of a school is confirmed to be suffering from human swine influenza, the centre would assess the case and may consider advising suspension of classes of that school. The DH would closely monitor the situation and advise on the necessity of a territory-wide suspension of classes,

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taking into account the latest development. This Bureau would keep in close contact with the DH for providing schools with appropriate advice and guidelines. Schools are requested to pay close attention to any announcements in the Bureau's website: www.edb.gov.hk .

Since schools are collective assembly places, we earnestly request schools to act according to the advice stipulated in the letters issued by this Bureau on this issue, as well as those by CHP in implementing the precautionary measures.

For all the aforementioned correspondences, information and health messages/guidelines on prevention of communicable disease, schools could click on the navigation bar on "Prevention of Flu and Other Communicable Diseases" on the right hand side of EDB's homepage (www.edb.gov.hk) or browse the information via the following path of webpage :

EDB Homepage (www.edb.gov.hk) > School Administration > Administration > Prevention of Influenza and Other Communicable Diseases in Schools > 1. Prevention of Swine Influenza

If schools encounter difficulties in their procurement of goods and materials for prevention of human swine influenza, they could contact their respective Regional Education Offices. Support will be provided as far as possible. For enquiries, please contact your respective Senior School Development Officers.

Yours sincerely,



(Raymond Sy)

for Permanent Secretary for Education