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To: Supervisors / Principals of 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. During the vacation, the number of students taking tutorial courses may increase. This Bureau reminds schools to maintain the school environment clean and hygienic. Schools should make appropriate arrangement so as to avoid congregating a large number of students together for a long period of time and ensure good ventilation. Schools should 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:

EDB Homepage (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)

Schools can also retrieve letters recently issued by CHP via the following path:

EDB Homepage (www.edb.gov.hk) > School Administration > Administration > Prevention of Communicable Diseases in Schools > A. Latest Information > 1. Letters

If any suspected outbreak of communicable diseases in schools is noticed, schools should promptly report 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.

For enquiries, please contact your respective Senior School Development Officers.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Education