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Dear Principal/Person-in-charge,

**The Fifth and Sixth Imported Cases of Human Swine Influenza
in Hong Kong**

I am writing to inform you that we have confirmed the fifth and sixth imported cases of HSI (Influenza A/H1N1) today.

The fifth imported case is a 20 years old student who lived in New York. She developed sore throat and cough with sputum on 19 May when she was in the States. She travelled from New York to Hong Kong (Cathay Pacific, CX831, sharecode AA6091, row 31) and arrived Hong Kong on 22 May. She was found febrile by temperature screening at the Airport.

The sixth imported case is a 53 years old man, who travelled from San Francisco to Hong Kong (United Airlines, UA869, row 50) and arrived Hong Kong on 22 May. He had onset of symptom on the flight and was found febrile by temperature screening at the Airport. Both of them were transferred directly to Princess Margaret Hospital for isolation.

Their specimens are positive for human swine influenza (Influenza A/H1N1) today. Their conditions are stable. Both patients travelled alone. We are tracing the flight passengers sitting on the same row, 3 rows in front and behind the case on flight CX831 and UA 869 (both arrived HKSAR on 22 May) and the crew members who have served the same section of the cabin.



Students studying abroad, particularly in countries and areas affected by HSI, are at risk of contracting the disease. As the summer vacation is approaching, we request your support in conveying the following message to students who are planning to travel abroad or studying abroad and planning to return to/visit Hong Kong during the summer holidays:

Exercise good personal hygiene and adopt preventive measures while overseas. Those in affected areas should especially:

- pay attention to announcements from the local government;
 - follow local public health guidelines, including any movement restrictions and preventive recommendations; and
 - do not have contact with sick people.
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- If students show influenza-like symptoms, such as fever, cough and sore throat, they should seek medical attention locally and immediately. Wear a mask and seek medical attention immediately. To protect their own safety and for the health of travel collaterals, they should not travel.
 - Should they develop symptoms while on board, notify the crew immediately and put on a mask. The crew will in turn follow established procedures and alert ground control and port health. Port health team will board the flight to assess and follow up on landing.
 - After landing, they should accurately and honestly complete the health declaration form and present themselves to the port health post stationed at all cross border crossings. No one should attempt to suppress a fever by medication and other means in order to evade the infrared thermoscanner.
 - Pay close attention to their health and wear a mask for 7 days after arrival. They should seek medical consultation from public clinics or hospitals and contact the Department of Health hotline 2125 1111 immediately if fever or influenza-like symptoms appear.

In addition, you are reminded to set up or continue temperature checking for students. Students who develop fever or influenza-like illness should seek medical advice early and they are strongly advised not to attend school till 48 hours after fever has subsided.



For the latest information and health education material on HSI, please see our CHP website at www.chp.gov.hk.

Yours faithfully,



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