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To: Supervisors / Principals of all Schools

Dear Supervisors / Principals,

**Be Vigilant to Guard Against the Spread of
Scarlet Fever in Schools**

In accordance with the latest information from the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH), the activity of scarlet fever is currently at a high level in Hong Kong. In this connection, we would like to advise schools to stay alert in preventing the spread of scarlet fever and other communicable diseases in schools. A copy of the relevant letter of 22 June from CHP of DH is enclosed for your reference. Schools should put in place various hygienic and preventive measures against scarlet fever as recommended by CHP. Schools should also remind parents to consult their doctors immediately and follow the advice of the doctors to let their children take rest at home if symptoms of scarlet fever are noted.

If any suspected outbreak of scarlet fever or other 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.

Besides, CHP has been uploading a daily update on the latest situation of scarlet fever on the CHP website since 21 June 2011. Schools can get access to the update via the following path:

CHP Homepage (www.chp.gov.hk) > Prevent Scarlet Fever > Figures Updates^{New}

We would like to remind schools again that when conducting examinations, post-examination extra-curricular activities and summer activities, schools should stay vigilant and implement the preventive measures properly in order to reduce the risk of students being infected with scarlet fever or other communicable diseases. Schools should also clean and disinfect the school premises thoroughly during the summer vacation so as to prevent the spread of various communicable diseases. Schools can get access to the “Guidelines on Prevention of Communicable Diseases in Schools / Kindergartens / Kindergartens-cum-Child Care Centres / Child Care Centres” issued by CHP via the following path and take the appropriate measures:

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

This Bureau will continue to keep in close contact with CHP and release the latest information on scarlet fever and other communicable diseases to schools. For enquiries, please contact your respective Senior School Development Officers/ Pre-primary Services Officers.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Education