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Dear Doctors,

**Reporting of patients with
severe human swine influenza A(H1N1) related illness**

Human Swine Influenza (HSI) has now taken root in our community. As of June 25, out of 506 laboratory confirmed cases reported in Hong Kong, 65% are locally acquired. Laboratory data from our Public Health Laboratory Centre (PHLC) has revealed that this influenza strain has become the commonest influenza strain circulating in Hong Kong.

HSI in Hong Kong is so far manifesting itself in a relatively mild manner resembling seasonal flu, like in most other countries. The number of confirmed cases represents probably a small fraction of infections that have occurred, as many infections may remain undetected due to the mild nature of the illness. Since local infections now constitute the majority of HSI cases, you are not required to report individual cases suspected to be suffering from HSI to CHP as per the reporting criteria previously provided.

As we enter fully the mitigation phase of the HSI epidemic, our priority is now put on detection of serious or fatal cases related to HSI. To fulfill this aim, the Public Health Laboratory Centre is providing HSI laboratory testing for your patients who satisfy the attached criteria. **Please take specimens from such patients and send to our Public Health Laboratory Centre. They will be tested free of charge.**

If these patients are **confirmed positive for Human Swine Influenza A/H1N1**, **please report to our Central Notification Office (CENO)** using the attached form by fax (2477-2770) or by phone (2477-2772) or by CENO online (<http://www.chp.gov.hk/ceno>). For reporting outside office hours, please contact Medical Control Officer (MCO) of DH at Pager: 7116 3300 call 9179.



Currently, the Hospital Authority (HA) is operating 8 Designated Flu Clinics (DFCS) for diagnosis and treatment of patients with symptoms of influenza-like-illness. Patients with severe illness would be admitted to hospitals for further management. Further information is available at Hospital Authority's website: http://www.ha.org.hk/visitor/ha_visitor_index.asp?Parent_ID=311&Content_ID=138537&Dimension=100&Lang=ENG

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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轄下執行疾病預防
及控制的專業架構
*The Centre for Health
Protection is a
professional arm of the
Department of Health for
disease prevention and
control*

Referral of specimens to PHLC
for human swine influenza A(H1N1) testing

1. Patient with fever or pneumonia, and
2. Under intensive care unit/requiring ventilation support, and
3. Without other obvious cause of the illness

For patients satisfying the above criteria, please ensure specimens are taken to exclude HSI infection. Please fill in the request form attached which is also available at http://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/Request_for_novel_influenza_virus_testing_6_2008.pdf and send together with the specimens to **Public Health Laboratory Centre (PHLC)** for expedient specimen processing. **They will be tested free of charge.**

Clinical Record Form 1

Reporting of patients with severe confirmed human swine influenza A(H1N1) related illness

If patients with severe illness (in intensive care unit/requiring ventilation support) are confirmed positive for Human Swine Influenza A/H1N1, please **call our Medical Control Officer (MCO) at Pager 7116 3300 call 9179, AND**
 (I) Fax this form to our Central Notification Office (2477-2770), or
 (II) Phone our Central Notification Office (2477-2772).

Date: _____

Patient particulars

Name in English (please affix patient gum label)	
Name in Chinese	
Sex/ Age	
School / Kindergarten / Child Care Centre / Nursery name	
District of school	(HK island / Kowloon / NT East / NT West)
Occupation	
Travel history in the past 7 days, if any	
Home address	
Patient contact tel. number	
Date of admission	
Ward/ Bed no.	

Clinical information

Onset date (please specify symptoms)	
Please ensure that the following reporting criteria are met: <input type="checkbox"/> Fever, <u>AND</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Under intensive care/requiring ventilation support, <input type="checkbox"/> Without other obvious cause of illness	
Condition of patient (Stable/satisfactory/serious/critical/fatal)	
Pneumonic change on CXR, if any (Please provide details)	
Human swine influenza (HSI) test results	<input type="checkbox"/> Positive (Type of test: _____)
Further laboratory test results	

Doctor-in-charge

Name : _____ Tel : _____
 Position _____ Hospital : _____

Note 1

This Clinical Record Form should be faxed to CENO once daily to update the condition of the patient and lab test results.

Note 2

Please refer to the Centre for Health Protection's letter on "Reporting of patients with severe human swine influenza A (H1N1) related illness" for the purpose of this program.