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Dear Sir / Madam,

Early Notification of Institutional Outbreaks

Crowded area such as hospitals, schools, childcare centers, and elderly homes may facilitate the transmission of many infectious diseases. During January through September 2004, the Centre for Health Protection recorded a total of 929 institutional outbreaks. These outbreaks most commonly involved respiratory tract infections (63%), gastroenteritis (14%), and hand-foot-and-mouth disease (16%). Infectious diseases may spread within days in the institution, and attack rates of >10% are not uncommon. For this reason, it is important that the CHP be notified early so that investigative and control measures can be implemented promptly.

Hence, we need your help on reporting to us infectious disease outbreaks. If you suspect an outbreak occurring in your institution, please inform our Central Notification Office (CENO) at the numbers below:

2477 2770 (fax)

2477 2772 (telephone)

Yours sincerely,



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