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Dear Sir / Madam,

Health Information on
Influenza A (H7N9)

As at today, the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health has received notification from the National Health and Family Planning Commission concerning 14 confirmed human cases of influenza A (H7N9). The CHP is maintaining liaison with the Mainland health authorities and monitoring the development of the outbreak closely.

Mortality from Influenza A (H7N9) is high. Although there is no evidence to show human-to-human transmission, the mutation potential of the virus has been reported to be high. As such, the disease should not be treated lightly. The Alert Response Level under the Government's Preparedness Plan for Influenza Pandemic 2012 has been activated and relevant surveillance and control measures have been stepped up.

The public should pay particular attention to personal and environmental hygiene and avoid direct contact with animals, birds or poultry. You are reminded to provide sufficient hygiene supplies, such as soap and tissues, at the public venues and toilet facilities under your purview for enhancing your clients' / customers' personal hygiene.

To heighten public awareness of influenza and its prevention, the CHP produces posters, booklets, and stickers for display in public areas. Please join in this public educational effort by displaying the posters and stickers and disseminating the booklets at premises under your purview. You may wish to visit the CHP website for more information on educational resources - http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/her_list/463/24/13.html. For copies of materials, please call Central Health Education Unit at 2572 1476.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr Regina Ching)
for Director of Health