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Dear Doctors,

The Fourth Imported Case of Human Swine Influenza in Hong Kong

I am writing to inform you that we have confirmed the fourth imported case of Human Swine Influenza (Influenza A/H1N1) on 22 May 2009.

The patient is a 19-year-old student studying in New York, United States. She returned to Hong Kong from New York (Cathay Pacific CX831) on 18 May 2009. The patient sat on row 43, within 3 rows of the first confirmed imported case reported by Taiwan, China (row 41).

She did not have any symptoms during the journey to Hong Kong. She had onset of malaise on May 20 and developed fever on May 21. Her specimen is RT-PCR positive for human swine influenza (Influenza A/H1N1) today. She was admitted to Princess Margaret Hospital for management and isolation. Her condition is stable.

Human Swine Influenza has been made a statutory notifiable disease in Hong Kong since 27 April 2009. Please be reminded to report any suspected cases of Human Swine Influenza meeting the reporting criteria to the Central Notification Office of CHP via fax (24772770), phone (24772772) or CENO On-line (www.chp.gov.hk/ceno).

Yours faithfully,



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