



13 June05

Dear Doctor

**Open Forums on Influenza Pandemic Preparedness
for Healthcare Workers**

You are cordially invited to attend one of the four open forums on influenza (flu) pandemic preparedness for healthcare workers jointly organized by the Centre for Health Protection, Hong Kong Medical Association and Hong Kong Doctors' Union in July 2005.

In the past, there were three large flu pandemics in 1918, 1950's and 1960's leading to millions of human deaths. With the emergence of avian flu in Asia, a new pandemic influenza threat is imminent to public health.

These open forums serve a timely purpose to arouse healthcare workers' awareness of the risk of influenza pandemic and prepare them for meeting the challenge. All healthcare workers including doctors, nurses, dentists, allied health professionals in the private sector are welcome to attend.

Through these forums, we will provide updates on the Government and Hospital Authority flu pandemic plan, as well as public health management and infection control. This will facilitate a better understanding of how different levels and sectors of the healthcare system can collaborate with one another in times of outbreak.

Please refer to the enclosed information sheet and enrolment form for details of the forums.

We look forward to seeing you at the forum.

Yours sincerely

(Dr Raymond Yung)
for Controller
Centre for Health Protection



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Open Forums on Influenza Pandemic
Preparedness for Health care Workers Centre
for Health Protection

Purpose

The open forums aim to arouse healthcare workers' awareness of the risk of influenza (flu) pandemic and prepare them for the risk.

Target Participants

Healthcare workers (doctors, nurses, dentists, allied health professionals) in the private sector

Objectives

Healthcare workers will:

- Be aware of the risk and challenges of influenza pandemic posed to public health internationally and locally
- Be updated on the Government and Hospital Authority flu pandemic plan
- Understand how they can collaborate with other sectors I parties in times of outbreak

Forum Schedule

4 identical forums will be held:

Date	Time	Target Participants	Venue
6 July 05 (Wed)	2.00-3.30 pm	Doctors / Nurses / Dentists / Allied Health Professionals	Culture Activities Hall Sha Tin Town Hall
12 July 05 (Tue)	2.00-3.30 pm		Culture Activities Hall Tsuen Wan Town Hall
15 July 05 (Fri)	1.30-3.00 pm*		Lecture Hall HK Central Library
21 July 05 (Thur)	2.00-3.30 pm		Culture Activities Hall Tuen Mun Town Hall

*The 15 July forum will commence at 1.30 pm.

••The forums will be conducted in Cantonese unless otherwise specified.

Light refreshments will be served before the forum.

Content

- Government Preparedness Plan for Influenza Pandemic
- Hospital Authority Contingency Plan for Avian Influenza Pandemic
- Public Health Management of Avian Influenza
- infection Control in Clinical Setting

CME Points

Pending confirmation of respective colleges

Enrolment

Please complete and fax the attached Registration Forum to:

Mr Ivan Wong, Infection Control Branch, Centre for Health Protection

Tel: 3523 0183

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To: Ivan Wong, ICB, CHP (: 3523 0183)

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To be returned 3 days before Forum date

Enrolment Form
Open Forum on Influenza Pandemic Preparedness for Healthcare Workers
Centre for Health Protection
2.00-3.30 pm*

I would like to enrol the following in the above forum:

No	Name	IGP / Medical Association / Hospital / Specialty	Telephone	Forum Dates (Please tick as appropriate)			
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From	
Name:	Signature:
Medical Dept / Hospital / Specialty:	Telephone:
Email Address:	Date:

Remark: All enrolments will be accepted unless you hear from the organizer otherwise. No confirmation is required.