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Dear Person-in-charge,

The Fourth Imported Case of Human Swine Influenza (HSI) in Hong Kong

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

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 positive for human swine influenza (Influenza A/H1N1) today. She was admitted to Princess Margaret Hospital for management and isolation. Her condition is stable.

Any person or staff returning from an affected place should wear a surgical mask for seven days as a precautionary measure. If they develop influenza-like symptoms such as fever, sore throat and cough, they should consult a doctor for medical advice promptly.

In addition, the following general precautionary measures are also advised:

- Keep hands clean and wash hands properly. Alcohol-based hand rub is also effective when hands are not visibly soiled.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth.
- Wash hands with liquid soap promptly if they are contaminated by respiratory tract secretions, e.g. after sneezing or coughing.



- Cover nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing.
- No spitting. Always wrap nasal and mouth discharges with tissue paper, and dispose of the tissue paper properly in a lidded rubbish bin.
- Wear mask when symptoms of respiratory tract infection or fever develop. Seek medical advice promptly.
- Refrain from work or school if you develop symptoms of influenza

If you notice an increase in respiratory illnesses among your staff or residents, please report to our Central Notification Office (Tel: 2477-2772; Fax: 2477-2770) for immediate epidemiological investigations and outbreak control. For the latest information and health education material on human swine influenza, please see our CHP website at www.chp.gov.hk.

Yours faithfully,



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