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Dear Doctor,

Updated Affected Areas of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)

We are writing to provide you with the latest update on the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD).

As reported by the World Health Organization (WHO) on 19 January 2015, there are a total of 21 649 cases and 8 609 deaths. The overall case fatality rate is estimated to be 40%, while the case fatality among hospitalized patients in the 3 intense-transmission countries (Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone) is between 57% and 60%. Among them, 843 were health care workers in which 500 (59%) passed away.

On 18 January 2015, 42 days after the last reported case in Mali tested negative for the second time, WHO has declared the end of EVD outbreak in Mali. In response to this, the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) has updated the list of affected areas in the reporting criteria of EVD as follows:

- Guinea
- Liberia
- Mali (**on or before 18 January 2015**)
- Sierra Leone

The updated list of affected areas is also available at http://chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/evd_affected_area.pdf.



Please kindly note that patients who have visited Mali on or before 18 January 2015 and develop EVD symptoms within 21 days after the visit still fulfill the reporting criteria. Patients meeting the reporting criteria (available at <https://ceno.chp.gov.hk/casedef/casedef.pdf>) should be isolated immediately and notified to the Central Notification Office (CENO) of CHP via fax (2477 2770),

phone (2477 2772) or CENO On-line (<http://ceno.chp.gov.hk/>). Please also call our Medical Control Officer at 7116 3300 a/c 9179 for prompt investigation and arrangement of transfer of the patient to the Hospital Authority Infectious Disease Centre in Princess Margaret Hospital for isolation, testing and treatment. Your continuous support is essential to combat the disease.

For more information about EVD, please visit the CHP website at http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/view_content/34199.html.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S K Chuang', written in a cursive style.

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