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Dear Doctor,

### Update on Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in Liberia and West Africa

We are writing to provide you with updated information on Ebola Virus Disease (EVD).

As reported by the World Health Organization (WHO) on 13 January 2016, there were a total of 28,637 cases and 11,315 deaths with an overall case fatality rate estimated to be 40%. The WHO declared the end of the most recent outbreak of Ebola virus in Liberia on 14 January 2016, as a period of 42 days (i.e. two incubation periods for EVD) have passed since the second negative test of the last laboratory-confirmed case in Liberia. In addition, WHO announced that all known chains of EVD transmission have been stopped in West Africa. However, WHO also cautions that more flare-ups are expected and the 3 countries (Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone) remain at high risk of additional small outbreaks of Ebola.

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) has now updated the list of affected areas in the reporting criteria of EVD as follows:

- Guinea (**on or before 29 December 2015**)
- Liberia (**on or before 14 January 2016**)

The updated list of affected areas is also available at [http://chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/evd\\_affected\\_area.pdf](http://chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/evd_affected_area.pdf).



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Please kindly note that patients who have visited Liberia on or before 14 January 2016, or Guinea on or before 29 December 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), CENO On-line ([https://cdis.chp.gov.hk/CDIS\\_CENO\\_ONLINE/ceno.html](https://cdis.chp.gov.hk/CDIS_CENO_ONLINE/ceno.html)) or phone (2477 2772). 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.

For more information about EVD, please visit the following websites of the CHP and WHO: [http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/view\\_content/34199.html](http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/view_content/34199.html) and <http://apps.who.int/ebola/>. Thank you for your continuous support in combating the disease.

Yours faithfully,



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