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To: Principal / Person in-charge,

Dear Sir / Madam,

Be vigilant against communicable diseases

Further to our previous letter on 30 August, we continue to notice an increase in activity of acute conjunctivitis as detected by our surveillance systems. In addition, with the commencement of the new academic year, the potential of various forms of communicable disease outbreaks may increase. To this end, I would like to draw your attention to strengthen measures in preventing infectious diseases in your school/centre.

You are advised to re-visit the **“Guidelines on Prevention of Communicable Diseases in Child Care centres, Kindergartens and Schools”** (available at CHP website at <http://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/Guild-booklet-eng.pdf>), especially with your new staff or teachers, on practical information and control measures. You may also refer to the booklet **“A Supplement on Ventilation”** (available at CHP website at http://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/Eng_Booklet_Ventilation.pdf) for guidance on maintaining good ventilation for reduction of infectious disease transmission.

In relation to acute conjunctivitis (red-eye syndrome), please remind students and children in your school/centre on the following:

- avoid sharing towels and toilet articles;
- minimize hand-to-eye contact and, if such contact is unavoidable, wash hands thoroughly before and after contact with eyes;
- avoid sharing eye medicines (including eye drops), eye make-up and other items that may come into contact with the eyes;
- symptomatic children should seek medical advice and stop attending school / institutions and avoid going to swimming pools and other crowded public places.

If you suspect any outbreak occurring in your school/centre, please inform our Central Notification Office (CENO) immediately at 2477 2772 (telephone) or 2477 2770 (fax) for our assistance to contain the diseases.

Yours sincerely,



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