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January 2, 2014

Dear Medical Superintendent,

Enhanced Surveillance for Severe Seasonal Influenza

We would like to inform you that our latest surveillance data showed that the local seasonal influenza activity has increased in the past few weeks. The weekly number of influenza detections reported by the Public Health Laboratory Services Branch of the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) has increased from 65 in week ending December 7 to 134 in the week ending December 28. The percentage tested positive for influenza viruses has also increased from 2.5% with specimens received in the week ending December 8 to 6.2% in the week ending December 22. The number of institutional influenza-like illness outbreaks recorded in December of 2013 was 13, affecting a total of 86 persons. The current circulating influenza viruses for the past one week included influenza A(H3N2) (34.3%), influenza B (34.3%) and influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 (31.4%).

In order to closely monitor the occurrence of severe influenza cases who required admission to intensive care unit or died, from January 3 to February 28, 2014 (8 weeks), your assistance is sought to report patients who satisfy the following criteria in the attached form on daily basis (as of 12 noon).

Any patients of age 18 years or above, who required **intensive care admission or died AND had any positive laboratory results of influenza infection.**



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Please fax the completed form (Appendix 1 and 2) to the Central Notification Office (CENO) of CHP (Fax number: 2477 2770). Nil return is required.

Besides, please be reminded that any paediatric patients who fulfill the reporting criteria for *severe paediatric influenza-associated with complication/death* (i.e. **those patients aged above 1 month and below 18 years**) should be reported to CENO of CHP by fax (2477 2770), by phone (2477 2772), or via CENO On-line website (<http://www.chp.gov.hk/ceno>). The reporting criteria are attached in Appendix 3 for your reference. Please also call Medical Control Officer (pager: 7116 3300 call 9179) outside office hours for prompt investigation. The reporting forms and the criteria are also available on CENO On-line website.

The latest information about influenza and severe cases will be published in the “*Flu Express*”, a weekly report which will be issued in CHP website. You may wish to find the information in the following link (<http://www.chp.gov.hk/>).

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continuous support in combating infectious disease in Hong Kong.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Yonnie LAM', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

(Dr. Yonnie LAM)

for Controller, Centre for Health Protection
Department of Health

Appendix 1

Please fax your reply by 12:00 hrs

Reporting of Patients with Influenza Associated ICU Admission or Death (3 Jan – 28 Feb, 2014)

To: Director of Health

Fax No. : 2477 2770 (Central Notification Office)

Daily Reply Slip on _____ (Please insert date)
from _____ (Name of institution)

1. The number of new cases reported to the Centre for Health Protection in the past 24 hours is: _____
(For new cases, please complete appendix 2)
2. The total number of cases reported so far is: _____
3. The following patients' clinical conditions have changed (please use additional sheets if necessary):

Name	Sex	Age	Any Change of Condition with date (e.g. death or discharge)

Contact person:

Name: _____

Tel: _____

Position: _____

Note 1

For severe paediatric influenza-associated complication/death, please also report to Central Notification Office (Tel: 2477 2772) or call Medical Control Officer at 71163300 a/c 9179 if outside office hour.

Note 2

Please return even if no case is recorded.

**Reporting of Patients with Influenza Associated Intensive Care Unit Admission and Death
(New Cases)**

For patients with influenza associated with intensive care unit admission or death who are tested positive for Influenza, please fax this form to our Central Notification Office (2477 2770)

Date:

Patient particulars

Name in English (please affix patient's gum label if applicable)	
Name in Chinese	
Sex / Age	
HKID / Passport No.	
Patient / guardian contact phone number	
Date of admission	
Ward / Bed no.	

Clinical information

Onset date (please specify symptoms)	
Diagnosis	
Past health	
Obesity (please specify BMI if available)	
Influenza vaccination history	
Current condition of patient (Stable/satisfactory/serious/critical/fatal)	
Date of death (if applicable)	
Influenza test type	
Influenza test result	
Further laboratory test results	

Attending Physician

Name : _____

Tel: _____

Contact Person

Name : _____

Position: _____

Tel: _____

Hospital: _____

Note

Appendix 1 should be faxed to CENO for any update on the information.

Reporting criteria for severe paediatric influenza-associated complication/death

An individual fulfilling all the following 3 criteria should be reported to the Centre for Health Protection for further investigation:

1. Children >1 month and <18 years old on date of admission; AND
2. with fever and respiratory symptoms; AND
3. one of the following complications:
 - severe pneumonia (requiring admission to intensive care unit or assisted ventilation); OR
 - sepsis; OR
 - shock; OR
 - encephalopathy; OR
 - myocarditis; OR
 - death.