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Dear Medical Superintendent,

Updated Affected Areas for Ebola Virus Disease

We would like to provide you with updated information on overseas outbreaks of Ebola virus disease (EVD). As of 20 August 2014, the World Health Organization (WHO) has reported a total of 2,615 cases and 1,427 deaths in four African countries, namely, Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone. Recently, WHO has also reported an outbreak of EVD occurring in Equateur Province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). According to the WHO, 24 suspected cases of haemorrhagic fever (including 13 deaths) were identified in Equateur Province of the DRC from July 28 to August 18. Human-to-human transmission has been established. Samples have been sent to laboratories for confirmation of EVD and to identify the strain. As cases so far had no travel history to or contact with persons returning from affected areas in West Africa, the WHO was of the view at this time that the outbreak in the DRC was unrelated to that ongoing in West Africa.

In view of the latest development, the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) has updated the affected areas in the reporting criteria of EVD to include Equateur Province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Liberia, Lagos of Nigeria and Sierra Leone. The updated list of affected countries/areas is also available in the following website: http://chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/evd_affected_area.pdf.

The reporting criteria of EVD (available at <https://ceno.chp.gov.hk/casedef/casedef.pdf>) remain unchanged. Patients meeting the reporting criteria 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 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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