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Dear Medical Superintendent,

Update on Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in Liberia

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

As reported by the World Health Organization (WHO) on 3 Sep 2015, there were a total of 28138 cases and 11305 deaths with an overall case fatality rate estimated to be 40%. The WHO declared Liberia free of Ebola virus transmission on 3 Sep 2015, as a period of 42 days (i.e. two incubation period for EVD) have passed since the second negative test on 22 July 2015 of the last laboratory-confirmed case.

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

- Guinea
- Liberia (**on or before 3 September 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 Liberia on or before 3 September 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.

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 and <http://apps.who.int/ebola/>. Thank you for your continuous support in combating the disease.

Yours faithfully,

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

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