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Dear Medical Superintendent,

Inclusion of Liberia as Affected Area for Ebola Virus Disease

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

As reported by the World Health Organization (WHO) on 20 November 2015, there are a total of 28634 cases and 11314 deaths with an overall case fatality rate estimated to be 40%.

After Liberia was declared free of Ebola transmission in September 2015, three confirmed cases were recently reported in Liberia. According to the health authority of Liberia, the first reported case presented with fever, weakness and bleeding, and was admitted on 17 November 2015. The patient was then laboratory confirmed with EVD on 19 November 2015. Affected patients and high risk contacts were identified and under care by an Ebola Treatment Unit in Monrovia currently. The source of infection remains unknown at this stage and investigations are ongoing.

In view of the latest development, the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) has updated the list of affected areas to include Liberia in the reporting criteria of EVD as follows:

- Guinea
- Liberia
- Sierra Leone (on or before 7 November 2015)



The updated list of affected areas is also available at
http://chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/evd_affected_area.pdf.

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 (https://cdis.chp.gov.hk/CDIS_CENO_ONLINE/ceno.html). 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/>. Please draw the attention of the healthcare professionals and supporting staff in your institution/ working with you to the above. Thank you for your continuous support in combating the disease.

Yours faithfully,



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