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April 6, 2017

Dear Medical Superintendent,

Extension of Enhanced Surveillance for Severe Seasonal Influenza

I refer to our previous letter dated March 30, 2017 and thank you again for your ongoing support to the enhanced surveillance for severe seasonal influenza.

I would like to update you on the latest influenza situation in Hong Kong. The latest surveillance data of the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) showed that while the percentage positive for seasonal influenza viruses decreased from 7.2% recorded in the week ending March 25 to 5.6% last week, there have been increases in several other surveillance indicators last week, including institutional outbreaks of influenza-like illness (ILI), ILI attendance rate at the Accident and Emergency Departments in public hospitals, and reported severe influenza cases among adults and paediatric patients. The influenza activity has been fluctuating and not yet fully returned to the low levels observed during inter-season periods.

Since the activation of the enhanced surveillance for severe influenza infection on February 24, 2017, a total of 56 adult severe cases (including 37 deaths) were recorded (as of April 5). In addition, four cases of paediatric influenza-associated with complication were recorded in the same period.

We will continue to monitor the situation to see if the influenza activity will continue to decrease. In the meantime, we would like to extend the enhanced surveillance for one week, i.e. the last date will be **April 14, 2017** instead of April 7. Please continue to report patients who satisfy the following criteria to the CHP on a daily basis (as of 12 noon):



Please fax the completed forms (Appendices 1 and 2) to the Central Notification Office (CENO) of the CHP (Fax number: 2477 2770). Daily nil return is required. **When the condition of previously reported patients has changed, it is essential to fill in the details in Appendix 1.** If further extension is necessary, we will inform you by letter before the end.

In addition, please remind doctors in your hospital to continue to report any paediatric patients (aged below 18 years) who fulfill the reporting criteria for *severe paediatric influenza-associated with complication/death* to the CENO by fax (2477 2770), by phone (2477 2772), or via the CENO On-line website (https://cdis.chp.gov.hk/CDIS_CENO_ONLINE/ceno.html). Doctors should call our Medical Control Officer (pager: 7116 3300 call 9179) when reporting cases during non-office hours.

The latest surveillance data on influenza and severe cases are published in the “*Flu Express*”, a weekly report available on the CHP website (http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/guideline1_year/29/134/441/304.html). Further information on influenza can be found from the following link: http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/view_content/14843.html. Please draw the attention of the healthcare professionals and supporting staff in your institution/ working with you to the above. Thank you for your ongoing support in combating communicable diseases.

Yours faithfully,



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Department of Health

Appendix 1

Please fax your reply by 12:00 hrs

Reporting of Patients with Influenza Associated ICU Admission or Death (8 – 14 April, 2017)

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.

Appendix 2

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.