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Dear Doctor,

2010/11 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Recommendations -Update

Further to my letter on 23 July, I would like to update you of the 2010/11 seasonal influenza vaccination recommendations provided by the Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases (SCVPD).

The SCVPD has updated the '*Recommendations on Seasonal Influenza Vaccination for the 2010/11 Season*' (http://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/recommendations_on_seasonal_influenza_vaccination_for_the_2010_11_season_eng.pdf). The recommendations provide updated information on the use of 2010/11 seasonal influenza vaccine in Hong Kong. In particular, I would like to draw your attention to the followings:


- Use of Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV) and intradermal inactivated Trivalent Influenza Vaccine (TIV)
- Dosing schedule of 2010/11 seasonal influenza vaccination
- Use of 2010/11 seasonal influenza vaccine in relation to previous Human Swine Influenza (HSI) vaccination
- Update of seasonal influenza vaccination target groups

Besides vaccinating your patients, please be reminded to give yourself and your health care staff influenza vaccine. This will not only help to protect you and your staff from getting influenza but will reduce the risk of transmitting influenza to your patients particularly those who are at high risk of developing complications from influenza.



To ensure adequate supply of influenza vaccines for your clients, you may wish to consider vaccine procurement early. Concerted efforts from both private and public sectors are needed for successful implementation of the SCVPD's recommendations and your continuous support is highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SK CHUANG', written in a cursive style.

(Dr SK CHUANG)

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