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Dear Person-in-charge,

The Third Imported Case of Human Swine Influenza (HSI) in Hong Kong

I am writing to inform you that we have confirmed the third imported case of Human Swine Influenza (Influenza A/H1N1) today.

The patient is a 23-year-old student, a Guangdong resident studying in the United States. He developed cough and runny nose on 14 May 2009 when he was in the United States. He developed fever while on the flight from New York to Hong Kong (Cathay Pacific Flight number CX831 & shared flight code AA6091, at row 60). Upon arrival at Hong Kong in the evening of 16 May 2009, he was found to have fever at the airport and was transferred directly to Princess Margaret Hospital for isolation. He remained clinically stable and his respiratory specimens were tested positive for human swine influenza (Influenza A/H1N1) today. We are closely monitoring his close contacts and other flight passengers..

Any person or staff returning from an affected place should wear a surgical mask for seven days as a precautionary measure. If they develop influenza-like symptoms such as fever, sore throat and cough, they should consult a doctor for medical advice promptly.

In addition, the following general precautionary measures are also advised:

- Keep hands clean and wash hands properly. Alcohol-based hand rub is also effective when hands are not visibly soiled.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth.
- Wash hands with liquid soap promptly if they are contaminated by respiratory tract secretions, e.g. after sneezing or coughing.



- Cover nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing.
- No spitting. Always wrap nasal and mouth discharges with tissue paper, and dispose of the tissue paper properly in a lidded rubbish bin.
- Wear mask when symptoms of respiratory tract infection or fever develop. Seek medical advice promptly.
- Refrain from work or school if you develop symptoms of influenza

If you notice an increase in respiratory illnesses among your staff or residents, please report to our Central Notification Office (Tel: 2477-2772; Fax: 2477-2770) for immediate epidemiological investigations and outbreak control. For the latest information and health education material on human swine influenza, please see our CHP website at www.chp.gov.hk.

Yours faithfully,



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