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Dear Headmaster/Person-in-charge,

Be vigilant against communicable diseases

As the new academic year comes, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you to be vigilant against communicable diseases at child care centres, kindergartens and schools.

From time to time, outbreaks of communicable diseases, like chickenpox, influenza, norovirus, and hand, foot and mouth disease may occur in institutions after the summer vacation. To prevent such outbreaks, it is important for your staff and pupils to observe good personal hygiene. The Guideline on Prevention of Communicable Diseases in Child Care Centres, Kindergartens and Schools, which contains practical information and control measures on prevention of communicable diseases, is available at <http://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/Guid-Booklet-eng.pdf>. Additional guidance in maintaining good ventilation to reduce the risk of infectious diseases transmission by droplet and airborne route is available at http://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/Eng_Booklet_Ventilation.pdf.

You are reminded to continue temperature checking for students and to follow the "Prevention of Influenza: Action Checklist for School Resumption", available at http://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/Checklist_E_20080325_1930.pdf. If you suspect any outbreaks occurring in your institution, please inform our Central Notification Office (CENO) immediately at 2477 2772 (telephone) or 2477 2770 (fax) for our assistance to contain the diseases.

Yours sincerely,



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