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Dear Person-in-charge,

First Cluster of Local Human Swine Influenza (HSI) Cases in Hong Kong

I am writing to update you the latest situation of HSI (H1N1/Influenza A) in Hong Kong.

Over the past two days, the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) confirmed the first cluster of local HSI cases in a secondary school involving 12 students. The cases have no identifiable link to any known source.

In the light of the occurrence of local cases, we are now entering the early mitigation phase of the disease control strategy for HSI. Social distancing can help to mitigate the progression of HSI pandemic. Your clients and staff should therefore be advised not to go to crowded places unless absolutely necessary.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind institutions to take all precautions against HSI as mentioned in our previous letters. Please also remind your clients and staff to follow the health advice and precautionary measures below.

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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