Properties management should take the following precautionary measures at their workplaces to minimise the risk of contracting and spreading Severe Respiratory Disease associated with a Novel Infectious Agent.

Disease information

2. Please refer to website of Centre for Health Protection for disease information update:  

Affected areas

3. Please refer to website of Centre for Health Protection for affected areas update:  

Preventive measures

4. Maintain Good Personal Hygiene

(a) Perform hand hygiene frequently, especially before touching the mouth, nose or eyes, after touching public installations such as
handrails or door knobs or when hands are contaminated by respiratory secretion after coughing or sneezing. Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Then rinse with water and dry with a disposable paper towel. If hand washing facilities are not available, or when hands are not visibly soiled, perform hand hygiene with 70-80% alcohol-based handrub as an effective alternative.

(b) Cover your mouth and nose with tissue paper when sneezing or coughing. Dispose the soiled tissues into a lidded rubbish bin, then wash hands thoroughly.

(c) When having respiratory symptoms, wear a surgical mask, refrain from work or attending class at school, avoid going to crowded places and seek medical advice promptly.

(d) N95 respirators are generally not recommended for use by the general public in community settings because special training is required for proper wearing and removal of the mask. Otherwise the infective risk due to inadequate protection and contamination may be ironically increased.

(e) Build up good body immunity by having a balanced diet, regular exercise and adequate rest, do not smoke and avoid alcohol consumption.

5. Maintain Environment Hygiene of Properties

(a) Maintain good ventilation

(b) Keep environment clean

(c) Routine cleaning and disinfection at least daily with 1:99 diluted household bleach (mixing 1 part of 5.25% bleach with 99 parts of water), leave for 15 – 30 minutes, and then rinse with water and keep dry. For frequently touched surfaces such as furniture, commonly shared items and floor, clean and disinfect at least twice daily. For metallic surface, disinfect with 70% alcohol.
6. Maintain Toilet Hygiene

(d) Keep toilets clean and dry.
(e) Provide soap and disposable paper towels for hand washing.
(f) Ensure the flushing system of the toilet is in proper function at all times.
(g) Maintain drainage pipes properly and regularly (about once a week) pour about half a liter of water into each drain outlet (U-traps), to ensure environmental hygiene. For details, please refer to https://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/make_sure_the_trap_is_not_dry.pdf

7. For update on the latest situation of Severe Respiratory Disease associated with a Novel Infectious Agent, please visit CHP thematic website at https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/102465.html

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