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**Health Advice for Properties Management on
Prevention of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)**

Properties management should take the following precautionary measures to minimize the risk of contracting and spreading Ebola Virus Disease (EVD).

Disease information

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

<https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/healthtopics/content/24/34397.html>

Affected areas

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

https://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/evd_updated_statistics.pdf

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 dry with a disposable paper towel. If hand washing facilities are not available, or when hands are not visibly soiled, 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, avoid going to crowded places and seek medical advice promptly.
- (d) Clean and cover wounds properly.

5. Maintain Good Environment Hygiene

- (a) Clean and disinfect the environment regularly.
- (b) Rubbish should be properly wrapped up and discarded into garbage bins with lids. Empty garbage bins at least once a day.
- (c) Maintain toilet hygiene.
 - (i) Keep toilets clean and dry.
 - (ii) Provide liquid soap and disposable paper towels for hand washing.
 - (iii) Ensure the flushing system of the toilet are in proper function at all times. Flush immediately after using toilet.
- (d) If places are contaminated by blood, secretions, vomitus or excreta:
 - (i) Cleansing staff should wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) including surgical mask, rubber gloves, plastic apron and eye protection (goggles/ face shield).
 - (ii) Use strong absorbent disposable towels to wipe away the blood, secretions, vomitus or excreta.
 - (iii) Put the used absorbent disposable towels in a waste bag carefully without contaminating oneself/ the environment.
 - (iv) Disinfect the surface and the neighbouring area with appropriate disinfectant.
 - If places are contaminated by secretions, vomitus or excreta, use 1:49 diluted household bleach (mixing 1 part of 5.25%

bleach with 49 parts of water), leave for 15-30 minutes, rinse with water and wipe dry afterwards.

- If places are contaminated by blood, use 1:4 diluted household bleach (mixing 1 part of 5.25% bleach with 4 parts of water), leave for 10 minutes, rinse with water and wipe dry afterwards.
- (v) After the procedures, put all the waste in the waste bag.
 - (vi) Carefully remove PPE and put them in the waste bag, and then wash hands with liquid soap and water.
 - (vii) Seal the waste bag and dispose it properly in covered rubbish bin.
 - (viii) Wash hands with liquid soap and water.

When a suspected EVD case is encountered

6. Environmental cleaning and disinfection

- (a) Cleansing staff should wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) including surgical mask, water resistant gown (or plastic apron on top of disposable gown), double gloves (Inner gloves: latex or nitrile gloves; outer gloves: rubber gloves), eye protection (goggles/ face shield), cap (optional) and gumboots.
- (b) Disinfect all potentially contaminated surfaces and items (for example, elevator control panels, door handle) by using 1:49 diluted household bleach (mixing 1 part of 5.25% bleach with 49 parts of water) , leave for 15-30 minutes, rinse with water and wipe dry afterwards.
- (c) If places are contaminated by blood, secretions, vomitus or excreta, enhanced measures should be taken:
 - (i) Use strong absorbent disposable towels to wipe away the blood, secretions, vomitus or excreta.
 - (ii) Use 1:4 diluted household bleach (mixing 1 part of 5.25% bleach with 4 parts of water), leave for 10 minutes, rinse with water and wipe dry afterwards.

- (iii) Put the used absorbent disposable towels in a garbage bag carefully without contaminating oneself/ the environment.
- (iv) After the procedure, put all the waste in the waste bag.
- (v) Carefully remove PPE and put them in the waste bag, and then wash hands with liquid soap and water.
- (vi) Seal the garbage bag and dispose it properly in covered rubbish bin. Then, label the rubbish bin and put it in a safe undisturbed place until the status of case is confirmed^{##}.
- (vii) Wash hands with liquid soap and water.

^{##} If EVD is confirmed, CHP will inform the property management as soon as possible and the waste will be collected by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department. On the contrary, if EVD is excluded, the wastes can be disposed as usual.

Updated Information for EVD

7. For more updated information about ED, please visit the thematic website of the Centre for Health Protection at

http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/view_content/34199.html

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