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Dear Healthcare Professionals,

Prevention of Severe Respiratory Disease associated with a Novel Infectious Agent

Further to our letter on 9 January 2020, we would like to provide you updates on the development of novel coronavirus infection and the recommendations on the infection control measures.

So far, Hong Kong has recorded two highly suspected imported cases of novel coronavirus (nCoV) infection. Both patients had visited Wuhan before developing fever and respiratory symptoms. They had been admitted to Princess Margaret Hospital for further management. Both are in stable condition. The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) has initiated epidemiological investigation and contact tracing.

In view of the latest situation and risk assessment, we would like to alert healthcare workers to adopt stringent infection control measures to reduce the risk of transmission from silent patients in healthcare settings. Healthcare workers are advised to follow the relevant interim guidelines as appropriate:

- Recommended Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in hospitals/clinics under Serious Response Level (Severe Respiratory Disease associated with a Novel Infectious Agent) (Interim):

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

*We build a healthy Hong Kong and
aspire to be an internationally renowned public health authority*

- Prevention of Severe Respiratory Disease associated with a Novel Infectious Agent - Infection Control Measures for Allied Health Professionals (Interim Guidelines)

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

- Key Elements on Prevention and Control of Severe Respiratory Disease associated with a Novel Infectious Agent in Healthcare Settings (Interim)

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

- Presentation materials from the infection control forum held on 20 January 2020

<https://icidportal.ha.org.hk/Trainings/View/145>

For the latest information on the Severe Respiratory Disease associated with a Novel Infectious Agent, please visit www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/102465.html.

Thank you very much for your support.

Yours sincerely,



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