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Dear health professionals,

Prevention of Severe Respiratory Disease associated with a Novel Infectious Agent

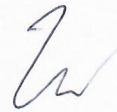
In view of the cluster of pneumonia cases discovered in Wuhan of Hubei Province, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region has launched the Preparedness and Response Plan for Novel Infectious Disease of Public Health Significance and activated the Serious Response Level since 4 January 2020. Under the Serious Response Level, the immediate health impact caused by Novel Infectious Disease of Public Health Significance on local population is considered moderate. On 8 January 2020, the Government also amended Schedule 1 to the Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 599) (“the Ordinance”) to include “**Severe Respiratory Disease associated with a Novel Infectious Agent**” (嚴重新型傳染性病原體呼吸系統病) as one of the statutory notifiable diseases, with effect from 00:00 on 8 January 2020.

In light of the situation, the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health has enhanced the surveillance on Severe Respiratory Disease associated with a Novel Infectious Agent. The CHP has also set up a designated webpage (<https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/102465.html>) to provide updated information and health advice. Information of the cases reported under the above enhanced surveillance will be updated on a daily basis on the above webpage. Separately, the CHP has also prepared some guidelines on infection control for allied health professionals (Annex A).

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aspire to be an internationally renowned public health authority*

To update healthcare professionals on the cluster of pneumonia cases in Wuhan and the recommended infection control measures in community settings, the CHP will organise an infection control forum on 20 January 2020. All allied health professionals are welcome to attend. For details and enrolment procedures, please refer to the attached leaflet (Annex B).

Yours sincerely,



(Dr Edmund FONG)
for Director of Health



衛生防護中心
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Infection Control Branch

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

This set of guidelines briefly describes the implementation of infection control measures for allied health professionals against Severe Respiratory Disease associated with a Novel Infectious Agent.

A. Early preparation

(a) 5 Moments for Hand Hygiene (HH)

Staff should follow five moments to perform hand hygiene:

1. Before touching a patient
2. Before clean/aseptic procedure
3. After body fluid exposure risk
4. After touching a Patient
5. After touching patient surroundings

Clinic should be equipped with alcohol-based handrub and hand hygiene facilities, including hand-washing facilities, disposable paper towel, and covered rubbish bin. Posters on hand hygiene and relevant leaflets should be displayed in conspicuous positions to remind patients and accompanying persons to maintain hand hygiene.

(b) Cough Etiquette

Visual alerts on cough etiquette should be displayed in conspicuous positions to remind patients and accompanying persons to comply with personal hygiene, such as covering mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, and performing hand hygiene. Persons with respiratory symptoms are advised to wear surgical masks.

(c) Environmental Hygiene

Maintain good environmental hygiene of the clinic. Clean with detergent at least once daily. Use 1:99 diluted household bleach (mixing 1 part of 5.25% bleach with 99 parts of water), for disinfection when necessary. For the frequently touched surfaces such as door knobs and toilet, clean at least twice daily. If surfaces are contaminated by vomitus or other body fluid, use absorbent disposable towels to wipe them away. Then, disinfect the surface and neighbouring areas with 1:49 diluted household bleach (mixing 1 part of 5.25% bleach with 49 parts of water). Moreover, arrange inspection and maintenance of the drain pipes and traps regularly to avoid environmental contamination.

(d) Handling of Contaminated Medical Items and Sharps Properly

Staff should follow the guidelines on cleaning, disinfection and sterilization when handling contaminated medical items.

Place used needles and sharps into the sharps box directly after use. For details, please refer to the following guidelines

- [“Guideline on Infection Control related to Acupuncture – Draft”](#)
- [Prevention of Sharps Injury and Mucocutaneous Exposure to Blood and Body Fluids in Healthcare Settings](#)

(e) Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

The use of PPE should be based on the nature of contact and risk assessment. Staff need to doff of PPE and perform HH after each patient care.

B. Early Detection

(a) Management of Suspected Case

Be aware of the updated information from CHP. Patients presenting with fever and symptom of respiratory infection or symptoms of pneumonia should be isolated and transferred to the nearby public hospital for further management as soon as possible.

C. Early Isolation

(a) Designated Area

Place the suspected case in designated areas (e.g. corner of the clinic; or areas with least traffic) while waiting for transportation. Arrange a single room for isolation if feasible. The items in the room should be kept minimal.

(b) Record Keeping

If there is a suspected case in clinic, keep all patient record and staff roster for contact tracing by CHP when necessary.

(c) Cleaning and Disinfection of Environment

- (i) Cleansing staff should wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)
- (ii) Disinfect all potential contaminated surfaces and the room of the suspected case stay with 1:49 diluted household bleach (mixing 1 part of 5.25% bleach with 49 parts water), leave for 15-30 minutes, rinse with water and keep dry.
- (iii) If the area is contaminated with blood, secretion, vomitus or excreta, disinfect with 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 keep dry.

D. Updated Information

Please visit the website of the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health for Severe respiratory disease associated with novel infectious agent at:

<https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/102465.html>

7 January 2020

INFECTION CONTROL FORUM: CLUSTER OF PNEUMONIA IN WUHAN AND PREPAREDNESS IN HONG KONG

Content:

4:15 – 4:30 pm	<i>Registration</i>
4:30 – 4:35 pm	<i>Welcome Remark</i> Dr Hong CHEN Head, Infection Control Branch, CHP / Consultant-in-charge, IDCTC, HAHO
4:35 – 4:55 pm	<i>Latest situation of cluster of pneumonia in Wuhan of Hubei Province</i> Representatives of Communicable Disease Branch, CHP
4:55 – 5:15 pm	<i>Enhanced surveillance and control measures in public hospitals</i> Ms MY KONG Senior Nursing Officer, Chief Infection Control Office, HA
5:15 – 5:35 pm	<i>Infection control recommendations in the community settings</i> Dr Leo LUI Associate Consultant, Infection Control Branch, CHP
5:35 – 5:50 pm	<i>Q & A session</i>

Objective:

To provide an update on cluster of pneumonia in Wuhan of Hubei Province, and familiarize with the relevant reporting and control measures in healthcare settings.

Date:

20 January 2020

Time:

4:30 – 5:50 pm

Venue:

Lecture Theatre, G/F, Centre for Health Protection, 147C Argyle Street, Kowloon

Target

Chinese Medical Practitioners and allied health professionals

Participants:

Enquiries:

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Remarks:

Training materials will be uploaded to our website after the forum and can be accessed via below path:
<https://icidportal.ha.org.hk/Trainings/View/145>

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Contact No: 聯絡電話:	Date: 日期:

** You are welcome to input nominations with priority in case of overwhelming response in your department / clinic/ hospital.*

Quota will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

**若貴部門 / 診所 / 醫院反應熱烈，請為報名職員編上優次。配額將按先到先得的方式分配。*

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