

Infection Control Branch

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Health Information on Human Cases of Influenza A (H7N9)

As at today, the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health has received notification from the National Health and Family Planning Commission concerning 14 confirmed human cases of influenza A (H7N9), which is a type of avian influenza (AI). The CHP is maintaining liaison with the Mainland health authorities and monitoring the development of the outbreak closely.

So far, there is no evidence of human-to-human transmission and no human case of H7N9 AI has been detected in Hong Kong. However, mortality from Influenza A (H7N9) is high and the mutation potential of the virus has been reported to be high. As such, the disease should not be treated lightly. The public should pay particular attention to personal and environmental hygiene and avoid direct contact with animals, birds or poultry. You should wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with bare hands.

In order to enhance awareness to guard against human infection with avian influenza, the CHP has developed special notes on serving guests with travel history to or from the affected areas by human cases of influenza A (H7N9).

We should be most grateful if the information could be passed to relevant parties. Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully,

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