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Dear Doctor,

Alert Response Level of Ebola Virus Disease and Zika Virus Infection
Preparedness Plans Stand Down

I write to inform you that the Government announced earlier today the standing down of the Alert Response Level, under the “Preparedness and Response Plan for Ebola Virus Disease” and “Preparedness and Response Plan for Zika Virus Infection” with immediate effect.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), cases of Zika virus disease globally declined from 2017 onwards with transmission persists at low levels in several countries in the Americas and in other endemic regions. For Ebola virus disease, there has been no outbreak of the disease reported since the end of an outbreak in Uganda announced on 11 January 2023.

As both viral haemorrhagic fever (including Ebola virus disease or EVD in short) and Zika virus infection remain to be statutorily notifiable infectious diseases in Hong Kong, suspected or confirmed cases must still be promptly notified to the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) for investigation, control and surveillance.

Should you identify patients with suspected or confirmed notifiable infectious disease, please report to the Central Notification Office (CENO) of the CHP via fax (2477 2770), phone (2477 2772), or email (diseases@dh.gov.hk). Related reporting form and case definitions as well as online reporting are also available via the CENO On-line website (https://cdis.chp.gov.hk/CDIS_CENO_ONLINE/ceno.html). Without any country or area with active outbreak recorded at present, the previous reporting criteria for EVD taking note of travel history to an outbreak affected area will no longer be applicable.



Meanwhile, all patients suspected to be suffering from viral haemorrhagic fever or Zika virus infection should be referred to hospitals for appropriate management. Suspected case of viral haemorrhagic fever should be isolated in hospital while suspected case of Zika virus infection should be put in mosquito-free environment especially when he/she is febrile. For suspected or confirmed cases of viral haemorrhagic fever, please report to CENO immediately during the office hour, or call our Medical Control Officer (pager: 7116 3300 call 9179) outside office hours for prompt investigation and further arrangements.

For more information on EVD and Zika virus infection, please visit the CHP website via the following hyperlinks:

- <https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/34199.html>
- <https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/43086.html>

Thank you for your continuous support in combating infectious diseases.

Yours faithfully,



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