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Dear Medical Superintendent,

An Imported Case of Infection of Novel Coronavirus in Thailand

We write to inform you of a case of novel coronavirus (nCoV) infection reported by the Thailand health authority, and alert you to remain vigilance.

According to information available from the health authority of Thailand, the case involved a patient who had travelled from Wuhan, Hubei Province (湖北省武漢市) to Thailand. The patient arrived at Suvarnabhumi International Airport in Bangkok on January 8 and was detected to be having high fever. The patient was subsequently taken to a local medical institute for isolation and management. Laboratory tests there revealed a positive result for the nCoV on January 12. The patient has recovered, and no additional cases have been detected.

The World Health Organization (WHO) pointed out that the possibility of cases being identified in other countries was not unexpected. The Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health will continue to maintain its liaison with the WHO, the health authority of Thailand and the National Health Commission, and closely monitor the situation for risk assessment. The reporting criteria for suspected cases of “Severe Respiratory Disease associated with a Novel Infectious Agent” will be reviewed and revised as and when appropriate.

Please draw the attention of the healthcare professionals and supporting staff in your institution/ working with you to the above. Thank you for your continuous support in combating communicable diseases.

Yours faithfully,



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