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**Scientific Committee on Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases
and
Scientific Committee on Infection Control**

**Recommendations on prevention and control of novel
coronavirus infection made during the joint meeting held on
January 24, 2020**

A joint meeting of the Scientific Committee on Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases and the Scientific Committee on Infection Control under the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health was convened on January 24, 2020. Members have reached consensus on the following recommendations in the meeting based on the prevailing local and global situation of novel coronavirus infection:

- (a) The general public is strongly advised not to visit places with community transmission of novel coronavirus.
- (b) The CHP should continue to uphold port health measures to detect possible imported cases into Hong Kong.
- (c) The general public is advised to wear a surgical mask when taking public transport or staying in crowded places. It is important to wear a mask properly, including hand hygiene before wearing and after removing a mask.
- (d) Proper infection prevention and control measures should be implemented and reinforced in all settings especially in hospitals.



- (e) In view of the current available information, organisers of mass gathering events with mixing of people from areas with novel coronavirus transmission are advised to take into consideration of the increased risk arising from the event.
- (f) Passengers who have stayed in an aircraft within two seats surrounding a confirmed case or on a train in the same row or two rows in front and behind of the case during the symptomatic phase are classified as close contacts for quarantine.
- (g) Close contacts should be quarantined for 14 days.
- (h) Confirmed cases can be released from isolation when their clinical conditions improve and afebrile, and with two clinical specimens tested negative for novel coronavirus taken at least 24 hours apart.

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