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Dear Doctors,

Situation Update on Human Swine Influenza in Hong Kong

I would like to update you on the local situation of human swine influenza. Since 25 April 2009, we have tested over 700 clinical samples of patients reported to CHP. As at 1 June 2009 noon, we have confirmed a total of 23 cases, all of them were imported from areas where sustained human to human transmission of swine influenza A/H1N1 had occurred. Nineteen of them had returned from USA, three from Canada, while one came from Mexico. Majority of them were students returning from their overseas studies.

Currently, our reporting criteria (**Annex**) are still focusing on overseas countries with reported cases of human swine influenza in the past seven days, which is updated daily and is available at CHP website: http://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/Swine_flu_List_of_affected_areas.pdf. We shall monitor the epidemiology closely and revise our reporting criteria if situation warrants.

Your continued support is sought to report any suspected cases to our Central Notification Office by fax (2477-2770) or by phone (2477-2772) or by CENO online (<http://www.chp.gov.hk/ceno>). Please refer the concerned patient to a public hospital for further clinical management.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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ANNEX

Reporting criteria for suspected human swine influenza (Revised June 1, 2009)

Reporting criteria

An individual fulfilling both the ***Clinical Criteria AND Epidemiological Criteria*** should be reported to CHP for further investigation.

Clinical Criteria

- person with acute respiratory illness, characterized by fever (temperature $>38^{\circ}\text{C}$) and cough and/or sore throat, OR
- person with pneumonia, OR
- person died of unexplained acute respiratory illness.

Epidemiological Criteria

- History of recent travel (7 days before onset of illness) **to overseas countries** with reported cases of human swine influenza in the past seven days (the list of affected area is available at CHP website: www.chp.gov.hk).
- History of recent contact (7 days before onset of illness) with
 - patient with swine flu; OR
 - patient who has febrile respiratory illness and has visited the affected areas during the 7 days preceding their illness onset.

