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Dear Doctor,

Vigilance against seasonal influenza

Influenza in Hong Kong usually peaks in February and March followed by a small peak in June to July. Our latest data showed small increase in influenza activity, I would like to urge your vigilance in prevention against influenza.

Influenza virus laboratory detections increased from 27 (week ending 14 June) to 76 (week ending 5 July). These included 25 influenza A (H1N1) viruses, 34 influenza A (H3N2) viruses and 14 influenza B viruses. Hospital admission rates for elderly 65 years or above and for children 4 years or below also demonstrated mild increase.

Influenza is highly infectious and can cause significant morbidity among risk groups, especially elderly people living in institutions. You are reminded to report respiratory illnesses occurring in institutional settings for prompt outbreak control.

For the latest information on influenza activity, please see our weekly Flu Express at the CHP website (www.chp.gov.hk).

Yours faithfully,



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