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Dear Doctor,

**Activation of the Serious Response Level and
Changes in Reporting Criteria of suspected cases of human Swine Influenza**

Further to the letters sent to you on human Swine Influenza infection in the United States and Mexico, I would like to alert you that cases of human Swine Influenza infection have also been detected in Kansas State of the United States. The Serious Response Level under the Government's Preparedness Plan for Pandemic has been activated today. In addition, the reporting criteria for the captioned surveillance exercise have been revised so that people from places with confirmed human swine flu cases ("affected areas") would be included in our reporting criteria (*Annex*). The list of affected area will be updated regularly and available at the CHP website at www.chp.gov.hk.

To report suspected cases that fulfill the reporting criteria (*Annex*), please contact the Central Notification Office (CENO) of the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) by fax (2477 2770), by phone (2477 2772) or CENO On-line (<http://www.chp.gov.hk/ceno>). **You should also refer these patients to public hospitals for further clinical management.**

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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**Reporting criteria for suspected human swine influenza
(Revised April 26)**

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 >38oC) 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 affected area (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.