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Dear Person-in-charge,

**The Fifth and Sixth Imported Cases of Human Swine Influenza  
in Hong Kong**

I am writing to inform you that we have confirmed the fifth and sixth imported cases of HSI (Influenza A/H1N1) today.

The fifth imported case is a 20 years old student who lived in New York. She developed sore throat and cough with sputum on 19 May when she was in the States. She travelled from New York to Hong Kong (Cathay Pacific, CX831, sharecode AA609, row 31) and arrived Hong Kong on 22 May. She was found febrile by temperature screening at the Airport.

The sixth imported case is a 53 years old man, who travelled from San Francisco to Hong Kong (United Airlines, UA869, row 50) and arrived Hong Kong on 22 May. He had onset of symptom on the flight and was found febrile by temperature screening at the Airport. Both of them were transferred directly to Princess Margaret Hospital for isolation.

Their specimens are positive for human swine influenza (Influenza A/H1N1) today. Their conditions are stable. Both patients travelled alone. We are tracing the flight passengers sitting on the same row, 3 rows in front and behind the case on flight CX831 and UA 869 (both arrived HKSAR on 22 May) and the crew members who have served the same section of the cabin.

Any person or staff returning from an affected place should wear a surgical mask for seven days as a precautionary measure. If they develop influenza-like symptoms such as fever, sore throat and cough, they should consult a doctor for



medical advice promptly.

In addition, the following general precautionary measures are also advised:

- Keep hands clean and wash hands properly. Alcohol-based hand rub is also effective when hands are not visibly soiled.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth.
- Wash hands with liquid soap promptly if they are contaminated by respiratory tract secretions, e.g. after sneezing or coughing.
- Cover nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing.
- No spitting. Always wrap nasal and mouth discharges with tissue paper, and dispose of the tissue paper properly in a lidded rubbish bin.
- Wear mask when symptoms of respiratory tract infection or fever develop. Seek medical advice promptly.
- Refrain from work or school if you develop symptoms of influenza

If you notice an increase in respiratory illnesses among your staff or residents, please report to our Central Notification Office (Tel: 2477-2772; Fax: 2477-2770) for immediate epidemiological investigations and outbreak control. For the latest information and health education material on human swine influenza, please see our CHP website at [www.chp.gov.hk](http://www.chp.gov.hk).

Yours faithfully,



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