Stepping up Precautionary Measures to Prevent
the Spread of Influenza in Schools

Summary

This circular calls on schools to step up precautionary measures including requesting parents to take the body temperature of their children before sending them to school to prevent the spread of influenza in schools.

Details

2. As Hong Kong is entering the peak season of influenza, to prevent possible outbreak of respiratory diseases especially influenza, the Department of Health (DH) has strongly advised parents not to allow children with respiratory symptoms such as fever, cough and sore throat to attend schools. Parents are also requested to record the body temperature of their children before sending them to school and hand in the temperature record sheet to the school during this peak season. For more information, please refer to the letter issued by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) to schools on 10 March 2006 and uploaded to its website at http://www.chp.gov.hk (path: Recommendations > Letters to institutions > Combating Respiratory Diseases during Influenza Season). A sample temperature record sheet can be found at EMB’s website at: http://www.emb.gov.hk/FileManager/EN/Content_243/temp_record_sheet_1.doc

Enquiries

3. If you have any enquiries, please contact your District School Development Section.

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