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Dear Principal,

Territory-wide System Assessment (TSA) 2009

Contingency Arrangements for Influenza A H1N1 (Human Swine Influenza) in Oral & CAV Assessments

The HKEAA and EDB have been closely watching the overall development of Influenza A H1N1. In view of the outbreaks of human infection of the Influenza in territories worldwide, and the confirmation of an imported case in Hong Kong last Friday, please note and inform the concerned parties of the following contingency arrangements in the upcoming TSA *Oral & CAV Assessments* scheduled for 6-7 and 13-14 May 2009:

1. Please refer to the letters issued, and any to be issued, by the Education Bureau (EDB) and/or the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) to schools and take the suggested precautionary measures against the Influenza. Those measures generally apply to the school, students, oral examiners and other personnel involved when the TSA Oral & CAV Assessments are administered at schools.
2. Please be advised, and inform the TSA oral examiners and students of your school, that students attending the Oral Assessment may put on their masks during the assessment, and that oral examiners should remind all students that those wearing masks may wish to speak louder.
3. In case students develop symptoms of influenza, they should refrain from school (and hence the TSA) as advised by the CHP.
4. In case TSA oral examiners refrain from work per CHP's suggested precautionary measures, they should inform the TSA Administration Team of the HKEAA at 3628 8181 as soon as possible so that we may make arrangement for replacements. TSA oral examiners may wear masks during assessment. Please remind them to speak louder in that case.
5. If closure of individual schools on the assessment or reserve dates is announced, the assessments concerned at these schools will be canceled. The assessments will continue to be administered at the schools which are not closed. The HKEAA will inform the affected schools of the supplementary arrangements.
6. If closure of all schools in Hong Kong on the assessment or reserve dates is announced, the HKEAA will inform all schools of the supplementary arrangements in due course.

In case of enquiries, please contact the TSA Administration Team of the HKEAA at 3628 8181.

Yours faithfully,

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