

Activation of Serious Response Level (S2)

In response to the cluster of pneumonia cases with unknown etiology occurring in Wuhan (武漢市), HA has activated the Serious Response Level (S2) on 4 January 2020, to dovetail with the Government's raising in response level of the Preparedness and Response Plan for Novel Infectious Disease of Public Health Significance.

Situation Update

From December 2019 to 5 January 2020, 59 pneumonia cases with unknown cause have been detected in Wuhan. Some of them were business operators at a local seafood wholesale market called Huanan Seafood market “華南海鮮城(華南海鮮批發市場)”. No fatal cases have been recorded. All patients have been isolated and receiving treatment. Contact tracing has so far identified 163 close contacts and they have been put under medical surveillance.

As announced by the National Health Commission (NHC) on 9 January, the Mainland expert group has preliminarily determined a novel coronavirus as a possible pathogen causing this cluster. Molecular testing was reviewed that 15 cases were positive for the novel coronavirus. The NHC reported that no evidence of definite human-to-human has been identified and no healthcare workers have been infected.

Reporting Criteria

An individual fulfilling the following should be reported to Centre for Health Protection (CHP) for further investigation:

- Presented with fever and acute respiratory illness, or with pneumonia; AND
- With travel history to Wuhan within 14 days before onset of symptom (irrespective of any exposure to wet market or seafood market)

Bundle Approach in Managing Suspected Case

1. **Early Notification:** With effect from 8 January 2020, “Severe Respiratory Disease associated with a Novel Infectious Agent” is a statutorily notifiable infectious disease under the Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 599). Attending physician should notify CHP and HAHO through eNID or NDORS.
2. **Early Isolation:** AED triage as a gatekeeper for suspected case. Place patient in Airborne Infection Isolation (AII) room and adopt standard, airborne, droplet and contact precautions. All confirmed cases with novel pathogens will be referred to HA IDC for case management. HA has established 1,400 AII beds under negative pressure room, among which about 500 beds are currently in AII mode with bed occupancy rate around 60%. If situation warrants, the other 900 beds can be converted from general beds into AII beds within 72 hours by phases upon the advice of the Central Command Committee (CCC). Besides, HA has a 90-day contingency stockpile of personal protective equipment (PPE).
3. **Early Diagnosis:** HA and PHLC provide 7-day-a-week to ensure the turnaround time (TAT) of laboratory reports to be within 24 hours. HKU microbiology laboratory will also provide diagnostic services for suspected cases when needed.

嚴重
SERIOUS

因應特區政府應變計劃，醫院管理局現已實施嚴重應變措施，所有公立醫院的訪客及公眾人士必須遵守下列措施：
In accordance with the Hong Kong Government's Preparedness Plan, the Hospital Authority has implemented measures for the Serious Response Level. Hospital visitors and public please follow instructions below:

進入及離開醫院前 請徹底清潔雙手
Clean your hands before and after visiting hospital!

請先自行量度體溫 監察健康狀況
Perform temperature check before visiting a hospital and monitor your health situation

所有病人護理區內 必須佩戴外科手術口罩
Wear a surgical mask in all patient care areas

每次探病只限2人
Only 2 persons are allowed for every visit

每日不多於 小時
No more than hours daily

每日 至
Daily to

HASLink Express
4/1/2020 (星期六)

嚴重應變級別(S2)
應對公共衛生有重要性的
新型傳染病

醫院管理局已在所有公立醫院啟動「嚴重應變級別」(S2)措施，以配合政府因應對公共衛生有重要性的新型傳染病而提升應變級別。同時，醫管局已加強多項應變及防控措施，並與衛生防護中心緊密合作和溝通，作出適時應變。

前線同事：

- 注意FTOCC準則(即發燒、外遊紀錄、職業、接觸史及是否涉及群組個案)為求診病人作風險評估
- 病人如出現發燒及急性呼吸道感染或肺炎病徵；並在病發前14日內曾到訪內地武漢市，必須安排在負氣壓病房接受隔離治療及化驗測試，並盡快通知醫院感染控制組及衛生防護中心
- 1月6日早上9時起使用「eNID」電子通報平台即時呈報懷疑個案
- 於所有病人護理區須戴上外科手術口罩，並加強手部衛生

探病時間：

- 急症醫院：每日不多於2小時，每次不多於2名探訪人士
- 療養和復康醫院：每日不多於4小時，每次不多於2名探訪人士
- 隔離病房：暫停探訪，恩恤原因個別考慮
- 訪客須於所有病人護理區戴上外科手術口罩，探訪前後需洗手

更多有關資訊，請瀏覽內聯網：
<http://qsdportal/tec/Website/IEC%20Webpage/Enhanced%20Surveillance%20related%20to%20WuHan.htm>

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Stay Vigilance Against Severe Respiratory Disease associated with a Novel Infectious Agent

Enhanced Measures under S2

HA has put into effect a series of enhanced measures as follows.

- Surgical mask:** Universal masking at all clinical areas, including waiting halls of AEDs, OPDs and pharmacy offices. Patients at medical wards are encouraged to put on surgical masks as far as possible. Hospitals will provide surgical masks to patients and visitors if necessary.
- Aerosol-generating procedures (AGP):** Should be performed with N95 respirator for risk mitigation.
- Fit testing for N95 respirator:** Hospital Infection Control Teams have revisited and offered the fit test to all healthcare workers, in particular for those who work in high risk area.
- Pregnant staff:** Should not be deployed into the high risk areas.
- Visiting hours:** Not more than 2 visitors per visit.
 - For Acute hospitals, not more than 2 hours per day.
 - For Convalescent hospitals, not more than 4 hours per day
- Volunteer services:** Should be suspended unless directives given by Cluster Chief Executive (CCE) and Hospital Infection Control Team based on risk assessment.
- Clinical attachment:** Should be avoided in high risk areas. For other patient areas, directives on suspension will be given by CCC.
- Enhanced ventilation:** Hospitals have completed widest opening of the air handling equipment in the waiting areas of AEDs and GOPCs to achieve higher fresh air rate with improved air dilution; and have completed wheeling in mobile HEPA units to augment the total air change rates in A&E waiting areas where necessary.
- Blood donation arrangement:** The HA Blood Transfusion Service (BTS) Expert Panel on Blood and Blood Products Safety has reviewed the blood donation arrangement. Members of public who have visited Wuhan should defer blood donation for 14 days from the date of departure.
- Risk communication:** Staff forums are being organized to update the situation and enhanced measures. In addition, HA issues press release on Wuhan-related cases daily.

For more information regarding the Severe Respiratory Disease associated with a Novel Infectious Agent, please consult hospital ICT or visit the HA designated webpage at

<http://qsportal/iec/Website/IEC%20Webpage/Enhanced%20Surveillance%20related%20to%20WuHan.html>

Severe Respiratory Disease associated with a Novel Infectious Agent

Case definition (updated as of 8 Jan 2020) – available at CHP CEN0 website

Reporting criteria

An individual fulfilling both the Clinical Criteria AND Epidemiological Criteria should be reported to CHP for further investigation.

Clinical Criteria	AND	Epidemiological criteria
Patient presented with fever and acute respiratory illness, or with pneumonia		Travel history to Wuhan (武漢市) within 14 days before onset of symptoms (irrespective of any exposures to wet market or seafood markets)

Case Classification

Suspected case
A case that fulfills the reporting criteria.

新聞稿 PRESS RELEASE

Thursday, 9 January 2020

Attention News Editors:

As at noon today (January 9), public hospitals had admitted ten patients in the past 24 hours who have been to Wuhan in the past 14 days and presented with fever, respiratory infection or pneumonia symptoms. The patients concerned had not visited wet markets in Wuhan before the onset of symptoms.

Including the above-mentioned cases, the Hospital Authority (HA) has reported 48 patient cases since December 31, 2019. Specimens of the patients concerned have been sent to the Department of Health (DH) for testing. Among all the suspected cases, 25 have been discharged and those patients staying in hospitals are in stable condition.

	Hospital	Age	Gender
1.	Caritas Medical Centre	11 months	Female
2.	Kwong Wah Hospital	26	Female
3.	Princess Margaret Hospital	2	Male
4.	Prince of Wales Hospital	7	Female
5.	Queen Elizabeth Hospital	20	Male
6.	Queen Elizabeth Hospital	66	Male
7.	Queen Mary Hospital	28	Female
8.	Tseung Kwan O Hospital	1	Male

Arrival of the 2019/20 Winter Influenza Season in Hong Kong

On 9 January 2020, the CHP announced that Hong Kong has entered the 2019/20 winter influenza season as the local seasonal influenza activity has exceeded the baseline thresholds. The percentage tested positive for influenza A and B viruses has rose to 10.09% last week, which was higher than the baseline threshold of 9.21%. The circulating influenza viruses in the past 2 weeks were predominately influenza A (H1) (66.3%) and A (H3) (30.4%), with very few influenza B positive detections. Besides, the overall admission rate with principal diagnosis of influenza in public hospitals has been increasing to 0.40 per 10,000 population last week, which was above the baseline threshold of 0.25.

To protect yourself and your loved ones, please get seasonal influenza vaccination (SIV) as soon as possible!!

Source: CHP. Letters to Doctors (9 Jan 2020) Arrival of the 2019/20 winter influenza season in Hong Kong. https://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/letters_to_doctors_20200109.pdf

流感高峰期 請佩戴

Don't forget to wear masks!

時值流感高峰期，所有訪客及醫護人員進入醫護範圍，敬請佩戴外科口罩。預防感染，為己為人！

During the Influenza Surge, all visitors and health care workers are recommended to wear surgical masks while entering patient care areas. Take precautions ... protect yourself and others!