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Dear Parents,

Updated Arrangements for Student Programmes and Activities During the Swine Flu Outbreak

The World Health Organization has declared the Swine Influenza A (H1N1) outbreak a global pandemic. In Hong Kong, the Emergency Response Level under the Government's Preparedness Plan for Influenza Pandemic has been activated since 1 May 2009.

It is incumbent upon all of us to prevent the spread of communicable diseases. To safeguard our student members' health, the HKAGE urges parents to maintain a hygienic household, and co-operate with us by reminding their children to observe personal and environmental hygiene.

To minimise the chance of student members being infected, the HKAGE will take the following measures for student programmes and activities:

- When the Education Bureau announces the cancellation of classes in **all secondary schools** as a result of the outbreak of Swine Influenza A (H1N1), all HKAGE student programmes and activities will be cancelled or postponed. Student members will have to visit our website later for information on further arrangements.
- If there is a confirmed case of Swine Influenza A (H1N1) among the student members of the HKAGE, that infected student member and all his/her classmates who have attended the same classes should not attend all other HKAGE classes for **14 days** with effect from the date of the confirmed case.

The HKAGE kindly requests the following measures to be taken for its Programmes in which your children are taking part:

- Inform the HKAGE immediately if your children are in home confinement, have been admitted to hospital for observation or have been confirmed as having Swine Influenza A (H1N1).
- Do not send your children to the HKAGE activities or classes if they are feverish. (For the normal body temperature range, please refer to CHP's guidelines).
- Keep your sick children at home until their symptoms have improved and the fever has subsided.
- Co-operate with the HKAGE and the Service Providers by picking up your sick children from the programme venues and taking them to the doctor immediately. Parents will be informed by the Service Provider.
- Provide your children with handkerchiefs or tissue paper and remind them not to share their towels or tissue paper with others.

The HKAGE would like to appeal to you for your co-operation in order to maintain a clean and healthy living environment. Please also remind your children to pay attention to their personal hygiene and to take preventive measures for communicable diseases.

For the latest information on Swine Influenza A (H1N1), please read the Daily Influenza Situation Updates on the website of the Centre for Health Protection (www.chp.gov.hk).

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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