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HONG KONG BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

Dear students and colleagues,

Concerns about student pneumonia case on 20 January

A student residing in an undergraduate hall showed symptoms of respiratory infection and was accompanied by hall staff to the hospital yesterday (20 January) for medical consultation. After relevant medical check and tests it was confirmed that it is a mild pneumonia case associated with influenza, which is NOT related to the recent pneumonia outbreak in Wuhan.

The student concerned did not travel to Wuhan recently. She is now under recovery and staying in a room in the hall designated for isolation purpose. Disinfection of her room and relevant locations in the hall was completed.

Those with fever and other symptoms of respiratory infection, and with the following history in the past 14 days, will be escorted to the hospital:

- having been in Hubei Province;
- having been to a Mainland hospital; OR
- having been in close contact with a patient confirmed with the new coronavirus.

The University has recently stepped up precautionary measures on campus against respiratory infections, and will continue to keep a close watch on the latest developments of the novel infectious disease and to make further announcements whenever necessary. At present, members of the University community are advised to remain vigilant against the disease and take precautionary measures as follows:

- Avoid visiting wet markets with live poultry markets or farms.
- Avoid touching poultry and birds (live or dead) or their droppings. If contacts have been made, avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth, wash hands thoroughly with liquid soap and water.
- Practise good personal and environmental hygiene. Wash the hands thoroughly before touching eyes, nose and mouth. If hand washing facilities are not available, or when hands are not visibly soiled, hand hygiene with alcohol-based handrub is an effective alternative.
- Cover mouth and nose with tissue paper when sneezing or coughing. Dispose soiled tissues properly into a lidded rubbish bin and wash hands thoroughly.
- Adhere to food safety and hygiene rules and cook animal products thoroughly before eating.
- Avoid close contact with patients with symptoms of acute respiratory infections. Wear surgical mask when required to take care of these patients.
- Wear a surgical mask especially going to crowded places, clinics or hospitals, etc. and seek medical advice promptly when having respiratory symptoms.
- If feeling unwell when outside Hong Kong, especially if having a fever or cough, wear a surgical mask, inform the hotel staff or tour escort and seek medical advice at once.

- After returning to Hong Kong, consult a doctor promptly if having a fever or other symptoms, inform the doctor of recent travel history and wear a surgical mask to help prevent spreading the disease.

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