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Dear health professionals,

Updated Situation of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Further to our letter on 13 March 2020, we would like to provide you an update on the local situation of coronavirus disease-19 (COVID-19) and remind you to remain vigilant when serving patients/ clients.

As of 14 May 2020, the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) confirmed a new local cluster involving three cases. A couple and their 5-year-old granddaughter were tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. The CHP's investigation and contact tracing is ongoing.

According to CHP's investigation, the index is a locally acquired case with no apparent source identified or linkage to any known cases. This case signifies that there is silent/ subclinical local transmission going on in the community and the risk of major community outbreaks exists.

The spectrum of clinical manifestations of COVID-19 is wide. The symptoms include fever, malaise, dry cough and shortness of breath, nasal congestion, headache, conjunctivitis, sore throat, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell, skin rash or discoloration of fingers or toes. Some infected persons may remain asymptomatic or present with mild or non-specific symptoms only. If you encounter patients/ clients with above mentioned symptoms, please advise them to seek medical advice promptly. Besides


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Out-patient Clinics and public hospitals under the Hospital Authority, COVID-19 testing is also provided by the Public Health Laboratory Services Branch (PHLSB) of the CHP to patients referred by private medical practitioners under the Enhanced Laboratory Surveillance Programme. Specimens could be collected for testing from patients with any symptom irrespective of the severity.

In addition, healthcare workers are reminded to adhere strictly to infection prevention and control measures at your hospital/ clinic. Please share the above messages with your colleagues/ staff working in your institution. For the latest information on COVID-19, please visit <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/index.html> .

Thank you very much for your support.

Yours sincerely,



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