

Influenza A/H1N1 Cases at SU Orientation Camp

Dear students and colleagues,

Student Development Services has reported that 15 students participating in the Students' Union Orientation Camp held at Po Leung Kuk Pak Tam Chung Holiday Camp between 13 and 15 August were confirmed to have contracted Influenza A/H1N1 and are now staying at home. The University has repeatedly reminded camp organizers to take precautionary measures to avoid the spread of the virus and made available face masks and alcohol-based cleaners for use.

In view of the fact that more orientation camps are scheduled to be held in August and September, the University urges the camp organizers to seriously reconsider if future camps should be suspended to avoid possible spread of the virus. In the event that the orientation camps will continue, the organizers should adopt sufficient safety measures and avoid games that are conducive to the transmission of the virus. Participants should also be alerted to the potential threat and be reminded to stay vigilant, adhere strictly to the camp rules and maintain good personal hygiene.

Students, especially those who have special health conditions, are advised to consult their parents in deciding whether they should participate in future camps. The University will continue to monitor the situation closely and enact contingency plans as required.

We again take this opportunity to remind you of the important **Preventive Measures** that can be adopted by all staff and students:

- keep hands clean and wash hands frequently with soap and water or apply alcohol-based hand cleaners;
- avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth;
- cover nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing;
- do not spit and always wrap nasal and mouth discharges with tissue paper, and dispose of the tissue paper properly in a lidded rubbish bin;
- wear mask when symptoms of respiratory tract infection or fever develop, and seek medical advice promptly; and
- refrain from work or school if symptoms develop.

We have set up a dedicated hotline (3442 7466) to answer any queries regarding the University's preventive measures against the spread of Influenza A/H1N1 and related matters. For more useful links and information about the influenza, please visit the [Campus Prevention of Influenza website](#) of the University.

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