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### HA Guidelines for Triage and Management of Human Swine Influenza

In view of the global outbreaks of human swine influenza, HA's Central Committee on Infectious Diseases and Emergency Response (CCIDER) recommended the following guidelines for current situation up to new development:

- i. the triage of patients with fever and respiratory symptoms in GOPCs and A&Es
  - ii. the treatment of confirmed cases of human swine influenza at designated hospitals
  - iii. health care workers and HA staff in contacts with patients of high risks of human swine influenza infection
2. The guidelines are also available at <http://ha.home/>
  3. For enquiry on this circular, please contact Ms Fannie CHAN at 2300 7190.

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## **1 Title**

HA Guideline for the Triage of Patients with Fever and Respiratory Symptoms in GOPCs and Accident & Emergency Departments (A&E)

## **2 Scope**

This document serves to guide the triage of patients seeking medical consultation in GOPCs and A&Es with fever ( $38 \geq ^\circ\text{C}$ ) and respiratory symptoms.

## **3 Recommended Action**

Role of GOPCs and A&Es for human swine influenza is to offer triage and advice initially for all patients (Appendix 1):

### 3.1 Triage

- i. Document respiratory symptoms with fever ( $\geq 38 ^\circ\text{C}$ )
- ii. Check for recent travel outside Hong Kong<sup>1</sup>, occupational exposure, contact history and clustering (TOCC)
- iii. Report to Notifiable Diseases and Outbreak Reporting System (NDORS)

### 3.2 Referral criteria to respective hospitals for further investigation:

- i. Fever  $\geq 38 ^\circ\text{C}$  with respiratory symptoms AND
- ii. Positive TOCC

### 3.3 Medical advice to discharged patients with influenza-like illness (ILI) symptoms from GOPCs and A&E after triage:

- i. Hand hygiene
- ii. Standard, contact and droplet precautions
- iii. Use of surgical mask
- iv. Seek medical advice if necessary
- v. Home isolation if patients have travel history of unaffected areas and leave contacts for further tracing if indicated.

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<sup>1</sup> Updated affected areas from Center for Health Protection Website (<http://www.chp.gov.hk>)

**1 Title**

HA Guideline for the Management of Confirmed Cases of Human Swine Influenza (HSI) at Designated Hospitals (Appendix 2)

**2 Scope**

This document serves as a guide for the operation of activated designated hospitals according to the stage of HSI outbreak.

**3 Recommended Action**

Key roles of the designated hospitals on the management of HSI are as follows:

- 3.1 Admission and transfer criteria for the designated hospitals
  - i. Confirmed HSI cases (Appendix 3)
- 3.2 Cohort isolation for confirmed HSI cases.
- 3.3 Report to e-Flu.
- 3.4 Treatment according to HA Guideline, including:
  - i. General support treatment
  - ii. The antiviral treatment for HSI (Appendix 5)

## **1 Title**

HA Recommendation for Healthcare Workers and HA Staff with Contact of Patients of High Risk of Human Swine Influenza Infection (HSI)

## **2 Scope**

This document serves as a guide for prophylaxis use by all HA staff and volunteers involved in managing and caring for high risk patients for HSI.

## **3 Recommended Action**

- 3.1 Extension of influenza vaccination program for HA staff in staff clinics
- 3.2 Enhanced infection control measures (Appendix 4)
- 3.3 Consider chemoprophylaxis for staff according to the stage of outbreak and criteria (Appendix 5). The high risk areas are:
  - i. Isolation facilities admitting suspected/confirmed cases in designated hospitals
  - ii. Triage stations and isolation areas of A&E
  - iii. Designated clinics and triage stations of GOPC
  - iv. Working stations of supporting staff and radiographers in x-ray departments

## **4 Chemoprophylaxis drug provision arrangement**

- i. Infection Control Officers (ICOs) of respective hospitals
- ii. ICOs' delegated prescribers in respective hospitals

## **5 Medical advices to HA staff on chemoprophylaxis** (Appendix 6)

- i. Informed risk of chemoprophylaxis by ICOs
- ii. Seek medical advices in A&E/staff clinics for symptoms that may related to adverse effects of chemoprophylaxis.

## **6 Individual psychological service for HA staff with acute stress reaction**

- i. Telephone number for urgent appointment: 2711 7440