



Regina Coeli Anglo-Chinese Kindergarten(II)

Vigilance against Infection of Novel Coronavirus and the Issue of health Advice

Dear parents,

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) issued a letter to inform schools about a case of novel coronavirus (nCoV) infection and the latest situation of nCoV infection in the Mainland, Macao and the United States, and issued health advice on the prevention of nCoV.

The Education Bureau (EDB) would like to remind parents and students that they should avoid unnecessary travel to Wuhan of Hubei Province. If it is unavoidable to travel to Wuhan, they should put on a surgical mask and continue to do so until 14 days after returning to Hong Kong. If they experience a fever or other symptoms, they should consult a doctor immediately, and inform the doctor of their travel and exposure history. Parents and students with symptoms should not attend school or return to school.

Besides, schools should clean the premises thoroughly during the holidays.

When classes are resumed after the school holidays, schools should take appropriate measure to safeguard the well-being of students, which includes asking parents to check the body temperature of their children at home, and schools to check students, body temperature upon their arrival. Schools should also advise them to maintain proper personal hygiene, such as proper handwashing. For cross-boundary students, parents should check their body temperature before boarding the cross-boundary school coaches or nanny vans. In any case, if students are feeling unwell or having symptoms, they should not attend schools. They should consult a doctor immediately and stay at home for rest. Everyday parents prepare the dry towel in the uniform's pocket, and prepare 4-5 masks into the schoolbag.

To prevent pneumonia and respiratory tract infection, please kindly remind your students and staff to maintain good personal and environmental hygiene. They are advised to:

- Perform hand hygiene frequently, especially before touching the mouth, nose or eyes; after touching public installations such as handrails or door knobs; or when hands are contaminated by respiratory secretion after coughing or sneezing.
- Maintain drainage pipes properly and regularly (about once a week) pour about half a liter of water into each drain outlet (U-traps) to ensure environmental hygiene.
- Wash hands with liquid soap and water, and rub for at least 20 seconds. Then rinse with water and dry with a disposable paper towel. If hand washing facilities are not



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available, or when hands are not visibly soiled, performing hand hygiene with 70 to 80 per cent alcohol-based handrub is an effective alternative.

- Cover mouth and nose with tissue paper when sneezing or coughing. Dispose of soiled tissues into a lidded rubbish bin, then wash hands thoroughly.
- When having respiratory symptoms, wear a surgical mask, refrain from work or attending class at school, avoid going to crowded places and seek medical advice promptly.
- Avoid unnecessary travel to Wuhan of Hubei Province. If it is unavoidable to travel to Wuhan, put on a surgical mask and continue to do so until 14 days after returning to HK.
- Avoid visiting hospitals. If it is necessary to visit a hospital, put on a surgical mask and observe strict personal and hand hygiene.
- Avoid making close contact with patients, especially those with symptoms of acute respiratory infections.
- Avoid touching animals (including game), poultry / birds or their droppings. Avoid visiting wet markets, live poultry market or farms.
- Do not consume game meat and do not patronize food premises where game meat is served.
- Adhere to food safety and hygiene rules such as avoiding consumption of raw or undercooked animal products, including milk, eggs and meat, or foods which may be contaminated by animal secretions, excretions (such as urine) or contaminated products, unless they have been properly cooked, washed or peeled.
- If feeling unwell when outside Hong Kong, especially if experiencing 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 experiencing a fever or other symptoms, take the initiative to inform the doctor of any recent travel history and any exposure to animals, and wear a surgical mask to help prevent spread of the disease.

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