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Dear Doctor,

Updated Affected Areas for Ebola Virus Disease

We would like to provide you with updated information on overseas outbreaks of Ebola virus disease (EVD). As of 26 August 2014, the World Health Organization (WHO) has reported a total of 3,069 cases and 1,552 deaths in four African countries, namely, Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone. The health authorities of Senegal also reported to WHO at the end of August of a case of EVD affecting a man from Guinea, while no secondary cases were reported so far in Senegal. For Nigeria, in addition to the previously affected Lagos area, the health authorities of Nigeria reported that three EVD cases were identified in Port Harcourt of that country, including an infected close contact of the primary case in Lagos, the attending physician of this infected close contact and a patient who was admitted to the same hospital as the attending physician. According to the Minister of Health of Nigeria, it was expected a few more contacts would develop the EVD especially in Rivers State before Nigeria would see the last case. Separately, the number of cases reported in another outbreak of EVD in Equateur Province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo remained at 24 cases and 13 deaths.

In view of the latest development, the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) has updated the affected areas in the reporting criteria of EVD to include the whole country of Nigeria and the updated affected areas are Equateur Province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone. The updated list of affected countries/areas is also available in the following website: http://chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/evd_affected_area.pdf.



The reporting criteria of EVD (available at <https://ceno.chp.gov.hk/casedef/casedef.pdf>) remain unchanged. Patients meeting the reporting criteria should be isolated immediately and notified to the

Central Notification Office (CENO) of CHP via fax (2477 2770), phone (2477 2772) or CENO On-line (<http://ceno.chp.gov.hk/>). Please also call our Medical Control Officer at 7116 3300 a/c 9179 for prompt investigation and arrangement of patient to the Hospital Authority Infectious Disease Centre in Princess Margaret Hospital for isolation, testing and treatment. Your continuous support is essential to combat the disease.

For more information about EVD, please visit the CHP website at http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/view_content/34199.html.

Yours faithfully,



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