CHP investigates outbreak of acute gastroenteritis at kindergarten-cum-child care centre in Sheung Shui

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health is today (October 8) investigating an outbreak of acute gastroenteritis (AGE) at a kindergarten-cum-child care centre in Sheung Shui, and hence reminded the public and management of institutions to maintain personal and environmental hygiene against AGE.

The outbreak involves 19 boys and 15 girls aged 2 to 5, as well as two female staff members, who developed vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain and fever since October 5. All of them sought medical attention. Among them, one required hospitalisation and was discharged after treatment. All patients have been in a stable condition.

Officers of the CHP conducted a site visit and provided health advice to the staff of the school concerning proper and thorough disinfection, proper disposal of vomitus, and personal and environmental hygiene. The school has been put under medical surveillance.

The CHP's investigations are ongoing.

A spokesman for the CHP advised members of the public to take heed of the following preventive measures against gastroenteritis:

- Ensure proper personal hygiene;
- Wash hands thoroughly before handling food and eating, after using the toilet or after changing diapers;
- Wear gloves when disposing of vomitus or faecal matter, and wash hands afterwards;
- Clean and disinfect contaminated areas or items promptly and thoroughly with diluted household bleach (by adding one part of bleach containing 5.25 per cent sodium hypochlorite to 49 parts of water). Wash hands thoroughly afterwards;
- Maintain good indoor ventilation;
- Pay attention to food hygiene;
- Use separate utensils to handle raw and cooked food;
- Avoid food that is not thoroughly cooked;
- Drink boiled water; and
- Do not patronise unlicensed food premises or food stalls.

The public may visit the CHP's website (www.chp.gov.hk) or call the Health Education Hotline (2833 0111) for more information.

<u>Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address</u> <u>available to public on Wednesday</u>

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, will release "The Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address" on Wednesday (October 10).

The full text of the "The Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address" will be released at www.policyaddress.gov.hk at about noon.

Copies of the Policy Address and other related publications will be available for public collection from about noon to 7pm at the 20 Home Affairs Enquiry Centres (HAECs) of the Home Affairs Department, except for the Mui Wo and Cheung Chau HAECs, which will close at 6pm and 6.45pm respectively.

A collection counter will be set up by the Information Services Department at the footbridge entrance to the Central Government Offices at Tamar opposite Admiralty Centre, Admiralty.

A leaflet containing the highlights of "The Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address" will be distributed at the following places at the same time:

* Seven government offices:

Queensway Government Offices, Admiralty Immigration Tower, Wan Chai Revenue Tower, Wan Chai Wanchai Tower, Wan Chai North Point Government Offices, North Point Trade and Industry Tower, Kowloon City Tsuen Wan Government Offices, Tsuen Wan

* 19 Mass Transit Railway stations (until 4.30pm):

Central, Admiralty, Wan Chai, Causeway Bay, Kennedy Town, Jordan, Mong Kok, Kowloon Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Kwun Tong, Hang Hau, Tsuen Wan, East Tsim Sha Tsui, Tai Wai, Sha Tin, Tai Po Market, Tuen Mun, Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai

- * Ground Plaza of HSBC Main Building, Central
- * Times Square, Causeway Bay
- * Harbour City, Tsim Sha Tsui
- * The following 60 shopping centres in public housing estates:

Hong Kong

Siu Sai Wan Plaza, Chai Wan
Wan Tsui Shopping Centre, Chai Wan
Oi Tung Shopping Centre, Shau Kei Wan
Hing Tung Shopping Centre, Shau Kei Wan
Stanley Plaza, Stanley
Lei Tung Shopping Centre, Ap Lei Chau
Wah Fu (II) Commercial Complex, Aberdeen
Shek Pai Wan Shopping Centre, Aberdeen

Kowloon

Lei Yue Mun Plaza, Yau Tong Kai Tin Shopping Centre, Lam Tin Tsui Ping (North) Shopping Centre, Kwun Tong Shun Lee Shopping Centre, Kwun Tong Yau Lai Shopping Centre, Kwun Tong On Kay Commercial Centre, Kwun Tong Lok Wah (North) Shopping Centre, Ngau Tau Kok Sau Mau Ping Shopping Centre, Sau Mau Ping Tsz Wan Shan Shopping Centre, Tsz Wan Shan Choi Wan Shopping Centre, Wong Tai Sin Temple Mall South, Wong Tai Sin Chuk Yuen Plaza, Wong Tai Sin Fung Tak Shopping Centre, Diamond Hill Lok Fu Place, Wang Tau Hom Shek Kip Mei Shopping Centre, Sham Shui Po Hoi Fu Shopping Centre, Mong Kok Oi Man Plaza, Ho Man Tin Homantin Plaza, Ho Man Tin

New Territories East

Choi Yuen Plaza, Sheung Shui Ching Ho Shopping Centre, Sheung Shui Cheung Lung Lane, Sheung Shui Wah Ming Shopping Centre, Fanling Fu Shin Shopping Centre, Tai Po Tai Wo Plaza, Tai Po Heng On Shopping Centre, Ma On Shan Yan On Shopping Centre, Ma On Shan Mei Tin Shopping Centre, Sha Tin Hin Keng Shopping Centre, Sha Tin Kwong Yuen Shopping Centre, Sha Tin Sha Kok Shopping Centre, Sha Tin Mei Lam Shopping Centre, Sha Tin Wo Che Plaza, Sha Tin Pok Hong Commercial Centre, Sha Tin Yue Tin Court Commercial Centre, Sha Tin Shui Chuen O Plaza, Sha Tin TKO Gateway, Tseung Kwan 0

Po Lam Shopping Centre, Tseung Kwan 0 Sheung Tak Plaza, Tseung Kwan 0

New Territories West

T Town, Tin Shui Wai
Tin Shui Shopping Centre, Tin Shui Wai
Tin Yan Shopping Centre, Tin Shui Wai
Long Ping Shopping Centre, Yuen Long
Butterfly Plaza, Tuen Mun
Leung King Plaza, Tuen Mun
Shan King Shopping Centre, Tuen Mun
Tai Hing Shopping Centre, Tuen Mun
Siu Hong Shopping Centre, Tuen Mun
Hung Fuk Shopping Centre, Hung Shui Kiu

Tsuen Wan, Kwai Chung and Islands

Cheung Fat Plaza, Tsing Yi Lei Muk Shue Shopping Centre, Tsuen Wan Kwai Chung Shopping Centre, Kwai Chung Fu Tung Plaza, Tung Chung

The public can watch the live broadcast of the delivery of speech by the Chief Executive in the Legislative Council, the press conference and a television forum with a simple click into the Policy Address webpage (www.policyaddress.gov.hk).

They can also access "The Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address" webpage through the e-Stations located at the 20 HAECs in 18 districts.

False News Report Claiming HKMA's Investment in Crypto Products

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority:

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) received an enquiry from the public regarding an inaccurate news report purportedly issued by an international news agency. The report claims that the HKMA has invested in crypto products via a dedicated trading platform. The HKMA would like to remind the public that the HKMA has never invested and does not have any plans to invest in any crypto or related products.

Members of the public who suspect that they have become victims of any fraudulent acts should contact the Police or the Commercial Crime Bureau of

the Hong Kong Police Force at 2860 5012 for follow-up actions and investigation by the Police.

CHP investigates probable case of botulism

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) is today (October 8) investigating a probable case of botulism, and again reminded the public that botulinum toxin injections should only be prescribed and performed by registered doctors.

The female patient, aged 25 with good past health, developed generalised weakness, difficulty in swallowing and shortness of breath since October 3. She attended the Accident and Emergency Department of Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH) on October 7 and was in a stable condition. The clinical diagnosis was suspected iatrogenic botulism. She subsequently left the hospital without notifying hospital staff members.

"According to the information provided by QEH, the patient received botulinum toxin injection in both calves in the Mainland on October 2. Investigations are ongoing," a spokesman for the DH said.

"When botulinum toxin is used for cosmetic purposes, its cosmetic effects after injections are temporary and will gradually disappear. If referred to a doctor for the procedure, customers should look for his or her full name against the <u>list of registered doctors</u> of the Medical Council of Hong Kong as well as his or her professional qualifications and relevant experience," the spokesman added.

Due to the weakening of associated muscles and the fact that botulinum toxin may spread and affect other areas beyond the injection site, affected patients may have drooping of the eyelids, double vision or blurred vision, problems with chewing, hoarseness or even difficulties in swallowing, speaking or breathing, which may happen in hours, days or weeks after the injection.

The DH urged the public to observe the health advice below before receiving botulinum toxin injections:

- Injections should only be performed by locally registered doctors;
- Understand the procedure, potential risks and complications before receiving injections. Consult a doctor for an informed decision;
- Do not receive an injection in case of history of allergy to botulinum toxin, or infection or inflammation on the injection site;
- Request the full name of the doctor in writing if referred by a beauty

- service provider for the procedure, as well as the professional qualifications and relevant experience; and
- If symptoms develop, such as fever or feeling unwell, seek medical attention immediately.

The public may visit the DH's webpage on the <u>differentiation between</u> <u>medical procedures and beauty services</u>, the <u>Drug Database</u> of the Drug Office and the CHP's <u>botulism page</u> for more information.â€∢

Queenz of Piano to cross border between classical and pop music on two grand pianos

Germany's Queenz of Piano are set to delight music lovers with a concert in November as part of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department's Music Delight Series. The piano duo of Jennifer Rüth and Ming will play their two grand pianos with amazing audacity in the boundary-crossing performance.

Chosen for Germany's Thüringer Kleinkunstpreis award in 2015 for their musical, acrobatic and unique works of art, the Queenz of Piano demonstrate how to have plenty of fun in a classical concert while simultaneously traversing the border between classical and pop music played on two grand pianos. They play classical music and pop and rock music in a fiery, groovy, charming and especially magical way, using sensational approaches the audience may not have heard before. Playing their grand pianos, they create sounds reminiscent of those of a guitar, a zither, a bouzouki, a bongo drum and even a Japanese koto.

The pianists will offer a superb combination of female charm and mesmerising piano entertainment in the show, which is geared towards those who love music and humour and not just for lovers of classical or modern pop music.

Concert by Queenz of Piano will be held at 8pm on November 17 (Saturday) at the Auditorium of Tsuen Wan Town Hall. Tickets priced at \$120, \$180 and \$220 are now available at URBTIX (www.urbtix.hk).

For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2268 7321 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs_591.html.