HKEAA Influenza Contingency Measures for HKCEE and HKALE
(Effective from 4 May 2009)

Since Hong Kong has entered the Emergency Response Level, the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority has stepped up the precautionary measures against influenza which will be applicable to all examination centres and candidates. All public examinations will be held as scheduled.

The following measures will be applied to all public examinations:

1. Candidates are required to check their body temperature before leaving for the examination centres. Candidates with fever or influenza-like illness (I.L.I.) symptoms are strongly advised to visit a doctor as soon as possible and should not go to any examination centres.

2. Candidates with illness should inform the HKEAA as soon as possible on the day of the examination and submit a written request within three weeks to the Authority (a letter from the school principal supporting the request is required in the case of school candidates). The applications should be accompanied by supporting evidence such as medical certificates. For further details please refer to the Handbook for Candidates which is also available on the HKEAA website.

3. If candidates have been quarantined, they should inform the HKEAA via the Department of Health.

4. For oral examinations, candidates with fever or influenza-like illness (I.L.I.) will not be allowed to take the examination and they should inform the HKEAA and arrange for rescheduling within three working days (including Saturdays) of the original examination date. Please refer to the Handbook for Candidates for details. All candidates are not allowed to put on masks inside the examination room.

5. During the break between examination sessions, candidates should avoid forming crowds as far as possible and keep the centre premises clean, particularly when using the lavatories. Candidates should not enter areas in the centre premises which are not open to candidates.
6. At the end of the examination, candidates will be asked to follow the instructions of the centre supervisor and leave the examination centre row by row to prevent crowding the centre exits.

The HKEAA is issuing a letter to all examination centres tomorrow (3 May) providing details of the precautionary measures to be taken at the examination centres.

Candidates should refer to the HKEAA website at www.hkeaa.edu.hk or contact the Public Examinations Information Centre at 3628 8860 for information and updates regarding public examinations.

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