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All Registered Medical Practitioners
All Licensees of Healthcare Establishments

MOH CIRCULAR 76/2009

UPDATE: ADVICE TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS ON THE MANAGEMENT OF SUSPECTED CASES OF INFLUENZA A (H1N1-2009)

BACKGROUND

1. In delaying the spread of the disease during the containment phase, the Ministry has redefined the list of affected areas on 13 June 09 to include countries that have been considered by WHO to have sustained community transmission or to be in transition towards community transmission, as well as countries that have been reported to have exported cases¹.

AMENDMENT TO THE LIST OF AFFECTED AREAS

2. Please note that **Indonesia, Hong Kong and New Zealand** have been included in the list of affected areas as of 26 June 09. The revised list is as follows²:

- Argentina*
- Australia*
- Canada*

¹ Please refer to Circular 65/2009 on Update: Advice to medical practitioners on the management of suspected cases of Influenza A (H1N1-2009), dated 13 June 09.

² The countries that have been reported to have exported cases are indicated with *.



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- Chile*
- Dominican Republic*
- Hong Kong*
- Indonesia *
- Japan
- Mexico*
- New Zealand*
- Panama*
- Philippines*
- Spain*
- Thailand*
- United Kingdom*
- United States of America*

For further updates on the list of affected areas, please refer to MOH website:
<http://www.moh.gov.sg>

CONTINUED VIGILANCE NEEDED

3. We will continue to maintain vigilance in preparation for a possible second, more severe, wave. The fight against an influenza pandemic will be a long drawn one. We seek your cooperation in our efforts to protect the health of people living in Singapore.

4. For updates on this evolving situation, please refer to the MOH website www.moh.gov.sg. For further clarifications of this circular, please email moh_info@moh.gov.sg or contact MOH hotline on 1800-333-9999.

5. If you are a licensee of a healthcare establishment, or a manager of a laboratory, please bring the contents of this circular to the attention of the relevant healthcare professionals in your establishment/laboratory.



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IMPORTANT

This circular supersedes para 6 of Circular 65/2009 dated 13 June 2009.