



Arrangements for Meetings, Programmes and Training Activities Under the Latest Development of Human Swine Influenza (HSI)

This circular supersedes Special Circular No 12/2009 issued on 11 June 2009.

The Education Bureau announced yesterday (23 June 2009) that there would be no resumption of classes in 2008/2009 school year for kindergartens, kindergarten-cum-child-care centres, primary schools and special schools, and recommended secondary schools to advance the summer break for students after completion of their final examinations. During the class suspension period and summer holiday, activities can be conducted in compliance with the “**HSI Pandemic Mitigation Phase Guideline on School Functions and Extra-Curricular Activities**” issued by Centre for Health Protection. The guideline can be accessible at (http://www.edb.gov.hk/FileManager/EN/Content_243/chp_hsi_mitigation_phase_eng.pdf).

With reference to the aforesaid guideline, **the Association has decided to adopt the following arrangements with immediate effect:**

1. Meetings, programmes and training activities for Grasshopper Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venture Scouts, Rover Scouts and Leaders may resume at the discretion of Group Scout Leaders. Preventive measures should be implemented properly when conducting such activities.
2. Mainland activities organized in the summer holiday are recommended to be postponed.
3. This circular is applicable to all activities organized by Groups, Districts, Regions and Association Headquarters.

In the course of meetings or activities, Scouters-in-charge should implement preventive measures and strengthen the precautionary measures as follows:

- Disinfect the venue before and after the function – Clean and disinfect the venue, using 1 in 99 diluted household bleach, rinse with water and then wipe/mop dry.
- Avoid activities that involve overcrowding especially in indoor venues.
- Avoid visiting crowded or poorly ventilation places when organizing activities, outdoor/semi-outdoor settings is preferred.
- Provide adequate hand hygiene facilities (e.g. soap and water, alcohol handrub).
- Keep sufficient face masks for use by members who may need one.
- Ask members to measure body temperature at home. Arrange for temperature checks for members before meetings, programmes or activities commence. If a member is found to have symptoms of respiratory infection or fever, the leader should instruct the member to wear a face mask, stop attending the activity and contact their parents as soon as possible for prompt medical treatment.
- A full list of all attendants for the activity should be kept.

For more health advices on the prevention of influenza, please visit the website of the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health (www.chp.gov.hk). For enquiries, please contact Scout Executive (Administration) Miss Florine FUNG at 2957 6334.

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