

CHI YUN SCHOOL**2024-2025****Outbreak of Hand, foot and mouth disease in school**4th July, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have reported to the Department of Health that a total of 3 students have developed symptoms of Hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) starting from 30th June. All these students have been sent for medical treatment and are in stable condition, 2 students have been confirmed with HFMD, and 1 student is a suspected case. The Department of Health defines the current situation as “Outbreak of Hand, foot and mouth disease”, our school are required to conduct medical observation until 16th July, and implement infection control measures, the medical observation period will end of there are no new cases during this period. Our school had disinfected the premises thoroughly to ensure cleanliness and hygiene, as well as cooperate with the Department of Health to formulate various epidemic prevention measures, and urge our staff to pay attention to personal hygiene and do all defense work. Hence, we are performing a serial of efficient procedures to avoid the situation getting worse in the coming future such as:

1. Observation room:

- ◆ Close monitoring is provided for suspected to be infected case.
- ◆ Cutleries and daily necessities will be deeply disinfected.

2. Enhances disease prevention and sanitation precautions consist of the followings:

- ◆ Measure student body temperature every 4 hours to promptly identify any case of illness.
- ◆ Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces, furniture, toys, utensils, toilet and floor by using appropriate disinfectant (1:49 diluted household bleach).
- ◆ Emphasising personal hygiene to all staff and students.
- ◆ Maintain good personal hygiene, washing hands properly.
- ◆ Maintain good ventilation
- ◆ All staff, visitors or outside workers must wear medical mask
- ◆ Reservations and arrangements in advance are required for parent visits.

3. Parents/Guardians responsibilities:

- ◆ Family members of students are advised to look out for symptoms of HFMD, such as small red spots and blisters on palms, hands and feet, itchy and sometimes blistering rash on buttocks or genitalia, ulcers on tongue, gums and inside of cheeks of the mouth. If there are any of the above symptoms, students are advised not to go back to school and need to seek medical advice, contact our school nurse (Tel: 2386 2010 / 2386 2064).
- ◆ There is no specific drug treatment for HFMD. Students should drink plenty of water and take adequate rest, and may receive symptomatic treatment to reduce fever and pain from oral ulcers.
- ◆ Sick children should stay away from school or gatherings till all vesicles have dried up to avoid spreading the disease. If the infection is caused by EV71, the patient is advised to stay at home for two more weeks after recovery from the disease (i.e. fever and rash have

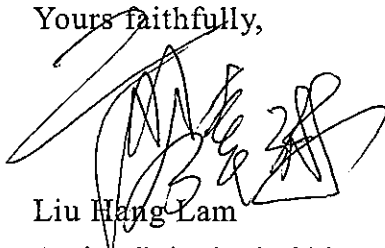
subsided, and vesicles have dried and crusted). Moreover, need to visit doctor again for confirming no hand foot mouth disease before going to school.

- ◆ Parents should monitor the child's condition closely and seek medical advice immediately if there is persistent high fever, decrease in alertness, or deterioration in general condition.
- ◆ Parents may also scan the QR code below to access information from the Department of Health regarding hand, foot and mouth disease.



Thank you for your attention. If you have any further enquiries, please feel free to contact class teacher or duty nurse. (Tel: 2386 2010).

Yours faithfully,

A stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liu Hang Lam'.

Liu Hang Lam

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