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Dear Doctor,

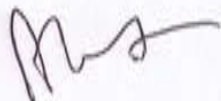
In light of the avian flu situation in countries around us and the risks that Tsuen Wan Adventist Hospital faces due to our proximity with the Mainland, we have activated Alert Response Level (Yellow Alert) measures according to the TWAH Contingency Plan Against Avian Flu. This plan is available for viewing at our intranet terminals. These include the setup of triage to screen patients entering hospital premises. The purpose of the triage is to comply with Government advice that private hospitals should attempt to stay clear of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) human cases, and continue to service non-HPAI cases in the event of a HPAI human pandemic.

To this end, TWAH shall adopt criteria set down by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP), the FTOCC (Fever, Travel history, Occupational Exposure, Contact, Cluster) for screening. Any patient with fever  $>38^{\circ}$  C plus meeting any one of the other TOCC criteria, will be required to undergo the Direct Antigen Detection test for Influenza A on a nasopharyngeal specimen. The test costs \$800 with less than one hour of turn-around time. If result is positive, the patient will not be admitted unless special permission is granted by the Vice President of Medical Affairs, Chief of Medical Staff or Chairman of the Infection Control. We shall then contact you before we refer the patient onto the public sector. Should admission be refused by TWAH, there will be no refund of the cost of the test.

We take the liberty of asking you to monitor our website ([www.twah.org.hk](http://www.twah.org.hk)) for the latest updates. Our current triage procedure is currently available for download under the heading of Physician Updates.

Thank you for your attention.

Regards,



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