

PEAK Examination Centre

Supplementary Guidelines on Examinations in 2009/10 as Precautionary Measures Against Influenza, including Human Swine Influenza A(H1N1)

(This set of guidelines supplements the prevailing Examination Regulations governing the examinations in PEAK Examination Centre)

As Hong Kong has entered the “Emergency Response Level” under the Government’s Preparedness Plan for Influenza Pandemic since May 2009, candidates of PEAK Examination Centre attending the examinations in the coming months of 2009/10 are required to take note of and follow the guidelines below::

1. Candidates should monitor their body temperature at home before attending the examinations, and to bring along with them face mask during the examination, since the invigilators could where necessary, require them to put on masks at the examination venue.
2. Candidates who have a fever or influenza symptoms, such as coughing and sneezing, are strongly advised **NOT** to go to the Examination Centre to attend examination. These candidates should seek medical advice promptly. Candidates who could not attend the examinations should inform the Examination Centre (Tel: 2919 1467) as soon as possible on the day of the examination.
3. If candidates have been quarantined, they should inform the Examination Centre via the Centre of Health Protection of the Department of Health.
4. Candidates should **NOT** attend the examinations if they are required to stay at home for home confinement or observation according to the advice of the Centre of Health Protection.
5. Candidates who cannot attend the examination owing to (2) or (3) or (4) above should submit a medical certificate or related supporting documents to the Examination Centre as soon as possible. The Examination Centre will make special arrangement for the rescheduling and inform the candidates concerned as soon as possible.

6. Candidates are allowed to wear a face mask during the examination but will be required to remove their masks during the checking of attendance in order to verify their identities.
7. Candidates with sneezing or coughing should be advised to put on masks.
8. The invigilators may also require candidates who cough or sneeze frequently during the examination to continue with the examination at a suitable place within the examination venue or, in a separate venue if necessary, in order to minimize disturbance to other candidates.
9. Further to Point (8) above, the invigilators may take the body temperature of these and those candidates who feel / appear unwell during the examination. If their body temperature exceeds 38⁰C, the candidates will be advised to leave the examination venue immediately and to seek medical consultation. The Examination Centre will make special arrangement for the rescheduling and inform the candidates concerned as soon as possible. If the candidates strongly request to continue with the examination, they will be arranged to do so at a separate venue or at a suitable place, and they have to wear mask.
10. In cases examinations are suspended owing to the occurrence of suspected / confirmed cases of Influenza A(H1N1) before or during the scheduled examination, the following arrangements will be made:
 - i) The suspended examination(s) will be rescheduled to be held after the Examination Centre is re-opened. Announcement will be posted at the Examination Centre's web site (<http://www.vtc.edu.hk/cpdc>)
 - ii) Further to Point (i), candidates should note also that if it is not feasible to arrange for the rescheduling of examination(s), examination fee will be refunded to the candidates concerned.

Candidates should check the web site of the Examination Centre (<http://www.vtc.edu.hk/cpdc>) for any updated information / arrangements in this regard.

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