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To:　　All Hotel/Guesthouse/Holiday Flat/Holiday Camp Licensees
　　　　All Bedspace Apartment Licensees

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Health Advice on Prevention of Severe Respiratory Disease
associated with a Novel Infectious Agent for Hotel Industry (Interim)**

　　　　The Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) issued a letter on 6 January 2020 to licensees and advised that, upon the risk assessment of the cluster of cases of viral pneumonia with unknown cause in Wuhan reported by the National Health Commission, the Serious Response Level was activated. The letter also provided the health advice given by the the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health.

　　　　CHP on 7 January 2020 issued, for the hotel industry, a health advice for reference. The information is available for download at the following link -

　　　　www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/nid_guideline_hotel_serving_guests_eng.pdf

　　　　OLA would like to draw the attention of staff of the hotels/guesthouses as well as bedspace apartments to the relevant suggestions in the health advice to minimise the risk of contracting and spreading Severe Respiratory Disease associated with a Novel Infectious Agent. When having fever or respiratory symptoms, lodgers should wear a surgical mask, seek medical advice promptly and proactively inform the doctor of their recent travel history and any exposure to animals. Please refer to the following websites for further information:

　　　　Medical Services
　　　　www.gov.hk/en/residents/health/hosp/index.htm

　　　　Getting Emergency Help
　　　　www.gov.hk/en/nonresidents/visitinghk/usefulinfo/emergency.htm

Please continue your attention to further updates may be available from the websites of CHP and this office. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)
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