Dear HKU Staff and Students,

The HKSAR Government has announced the activation of the "Alert Response Level" under the Hong Kong Government's Preparedness and Response Plan for Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) on July 18, 2019, in view of the ongoing outbreak of EVD in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

The Department of Health advises the public to avoid unnecessary travel to affected areas, and observe good personal and environmental hygiene during travel:

- Always use liquid soap or alcohol-based hand rub to clean hands before touching the eyes, nose and mouth;
- Avoid close contact with feverish or sick patients, and contact with blood or body fluids of patients, including items which may have come into contact with patients' blood or body fluids;
- Avoid contact with animals; and
- Cook food thoroughly before consumption.

You may visit the following webpages for more disease information and travel health advice:

- 1. Ebola Virus Disease
- 2. <u>Disease Updates</u>
- 3. Travel Health Advice

Thank you for your attention.

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