

Contingency Measures for the Human Swine Flu

The Emergency Response Level under the HKSAR Government's Preparedness Plan for Influenza Pandemic is activated. Candidates are strongly advised to follow the contingency measures listed below:

Be hygienic and take care of your health

1. Candidates should take extra care of their personal hygiene and health. They should get enough sleep before the day of examination. Candidates have the duty of keeping the examination centre clean.

Before leaving for the examination centre

2. Candidates are reminded to visit the HKSI's website (www.hksi.org) before leaving for the examination centre for updated information of examination arrangements relating to the Human Swine Flu.
3. Candidates should check their body temperature before leaving for the examination centre. The normal body temperature is around 37°C. Body temperatures vary among individuals. Candidates who have a fever or influenza symptoms, such as runny nose, coughing or sneezing, are strongly advised not to go to the examination centres but visit a doctor for a medical checkup as soon as possible. Candidates who are experiencing symptoms consistent with Human Swine Flu (e.g. fever, lethargy, loss of appetite and coughing) may apply to the HKSI for special consideration. They should submit their application in writing, together with a medical certificate, to the HKSI's Curriculum and Examinations Department within one month after the date of the examination. Any request for special consideration may result in an administration fee to the candidates, and any special arrangements offered are at the sole discretion of the HKSI.

Before the examination

4. Before the start of the examination, candidates should have ensured that their body temperature is normal and that they are not unwell.
5. If the candidate's temperature exceeds 38°C, or the candidate has symptoms of Human Swine Flu, the candidate will be asked to go home or visit a doctor.
6. The examination procedures will commence after completion of the aforementioned steps and the start of examination may be delayed.

During the examination

7. Candidates are suggested to bring their own masks to wear within the examination centre throughout their stay.
8. Candidates are required to remove their masks, if any, during the checking of attendance for invigilators to verify their identities.
9. Candidates should cover their noses and mouths with a tissue or their sleeve (if they do not have a tissue) when sneezing or coughing. Candidates who cough or sneeze repeatedly may be asked to take their examination at a corner of the examination centre or on the stage, where applicable.

After the examination

10. At the end of the examination, candidates will be asked to follow the instructions of the Chief Invigilator when leaving the examination centre to prevent crowding at the exits.

During the break

11. Candidates should avoid forming crowds as far as possible and keep the examination centre clean.

The above contingency measures are designed for the mutual benefits of all under the threat of Human Swine Flu. The Chief Invigilator will announce at the beginning of the examination if any further instructions are needed. Should candidates have any enquiries, please contact the HKSI's Curriculum and Examinations Department (Tel: (852) 3120-6220 during office service hours: Mondays to Fridays 9:00a.m. – 5:30p.m.; Closed on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays / Email: exam@hksi.org).

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