## <u>General out-patient clinic services</u> <u>during Chinese New Year holidays</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) today (January 24) announces that in view of the increased demand during the winter surge in public hospitals, the general out-patient clinic (GOPC) service will be enhanced during the Chinese New Year holidays. An addition of over 1 400 consultation quotas will be provided during the Chinese New Year holidays. A total of 17 clinics (see table below) will remain open to meet the service needs of the public and alleviate the service pressure of Accident and Emergency (A&E) Departments during the holiday.

The HA spokesperson said the Accident and Emergency Departments in public hospitals will operate as usual during the holiday to serve patients with urgent medical needs. Amid the winter service surge of public hospitals and the expected increase in A&E attendance in the first working day following the holiday, A&E departments will accord priority treatment to patients with critical and emergency conditions as assessed under the established triage system. Semi-urgent and non-urgent patients might have to wait longer for consultation. The spokesperson appealed to non-urgent patients to consider seeking consultations at GOPC, private doctors or the 24-hour clinics of private hospitals.

The spokesperson also reminded the patients who have joined "The General Outpatient Clinic Public-Private Partnership Programme" (GOPC PPP) to consider seeking consultation at the corresponding private doctors by using the two additional subsidised quotas during winter surge. Those patients with clinical indication would be provided with free antiviral drug prescription. Relevant information can be accessed from the GOPC PPP website <a href="https://www3.ha.org.hk/ppp/gopcppp.aspx?lang=eng">www3.ha.org.hk/ppp/gopcppp.aspx?lang=eng</a>. Besides, to find an appropriate family medicine doctor and related clinic service of their choice, the public are welcome to browse the Primary Care Directory of the Food and Health Bureau at <a href="https://www.pcdirectory.gov.hk">www.pcdirectory.gov.hk</a>.

To facilitate public understanding of public hospital services situation during the winter surge, HA has launched a designated website (<a href="www.ha.org.hk/goto/wintersurge/en">www.ha.org.hk/goto/wintersurge/en</a>) and also the mobile app of "HA Touch" to provide some key information including A&E waiting time, A&E attendances, medical in-patient bed occupancy rate and hyperlink to private healthcare services websites.

General out-patient clinic service during Chinese New Year holidays (January 25 to 28)

| Clinics   | Telephone<br>number for<br>booking | General<br>enquiry |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Hong Kong Island  |                                    |                    |
| Shau Kei Wan Jockey Club General Out-patient<br>Clinic        | 3157 0077                          | 2560 0211          |
| Violet Peel General Out-patient Clinic                        | 3157 0000                          | 3553 3116          |
| Aberdeen Jockey Club General Out-patient<br>Clinic            | 3543 5011                          | 2555 0381          |
| Kennedy Town Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic ^         | 3543 5088                          | 2817 3215          |
| Kowloon   |                                    |                    |
| Kwun Tong Community Health Centre                             | 3157 0687                          | 2389 0331          |
| Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital Family<br>Medicine Clinic      | 3157 0118                          | 2354 2267          |
| Robert Black General Out-patient Clinic                       | 3157 0113                          | 2383 3311          |
| Yau Ma Tei Jockey Club General Out-patient<br>Clinic          | 3157 0880                          | 2272 2400          |
| Cheung Sha Wan Jockey Club General Out-<br>patient Clinic ^   | 3157 0122                          | 2387 8211          |
| New Territories   |                                    |                    |
| Lady Trench General Out-patient Clinic                        | 3157 0107                          | 2614 4789          |
| Lek Yuen General Out-patient Clinic                           | 3157 0972                          | 2692 8730          |
| Shek Wu Hui Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic            | 3157 0965                          | 2670 0211          |
| Tai Po Jockey Club General Out-patient<br>Clinic              | 3157 0906                          | 2664 2039          |
| Tuen Mun Clinic   | 3543 0886                          | 2452 9111          |
| Yuen Long Jockey Club Health Centre                           | 3543 5007                          | 2443 8511          |
| Ha Kwai Chung General Out-patient Clinic *                    | 3157 0100                          | 3651 5411          |
| Tseung Kwan O (Po Ning Road) General Out-<br>patient Clinic # | 3157 0660                          | 2191 1083          |

<sup>#</sup> Will provide clinic service on January 26 only

## Consultation Hours:

January 25 and 26: 9am to 1pm

January 27 and 28: 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm

<sup>\*</sup> Will provide clinic service on January 27 only

<sup>^</sup> Will provide clinic service on January 28 only