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To Members of the Penang Bar,

Precautionary Measures in Respect of Influenza Cases Involving Remand Inmates at Penang Prisons

We have been informed by the Penang Courts that there have been a number of reported influenza cases amongst remand inmates at Penang Prison and that some of the affected cases may be coming before the Penang and Butterworth Criminal Courts for mention and/or hearing.

As a precautionary measure and in the interest of the health and safety of all Members and Court Personnel, Members are advised to take the necessary precautions when attending the Open Court for Criminal Matters, including:

1. Wearing a face mask when attending court, particularly when appearing in matters involving remand inmates;
2. Using hand sanitiser and maintaining good hand hygiene; and
3. Taking such other appropriate precautionary measures as may be deemed necessary.

We would appreciate Members' cooperation in observing the necessary precautions to safeguard the health and well-being of everyone attending court.

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