

Cluster of Human Metapneumovirus cases in Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital (PYNEH) made the following announcement today (May 2):

Five patients (aged 67 to 82) in a male psychogeriatric ward have presented with fever and upper respiratory symptoms since April 27. Laboratory tests revealed that four patients' results were positive for Human Metapneumovirus. The patients are being treated under isolation and are in a stable condition.

The infection control measures on the ward have been enhanced. All other patients in the ward are under close surveillance.

The hospital has reported the cases to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow up.

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