Cluster of Influenza A cases at Kwai Chung Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Kwai Chung Hospital made the following announcement today (April 30):

Four patients (aged 39 to 79) in a female psychiatric ward have presented with fever and respiratory symptoms since April 27. Appropriate viral tests were arranged for the patients and their test results were positive for Influenza A. The patients concerned are being treated in isolation. All the patients are in stable condition.

Admission and visiting arrangements to the ward concerned have been suspended. Infection control measures have already been stepped up according to established guidelines. All other patients in the ward are under close surveillance.

The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.