

Cluster of Influenza A cases in Kwai Chung Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Kwai Chung Hospital made the following announcement today (August 15):

Nine patients (aged 23 to 60) in a male psychiatric acute ward have presented with respiratory symptoms since August 14. Appropriate viral tests were arranged for the patients and their test results were positive to Influenza A. One of the patients has been transferred to Princess Margaret Hospital for further treatment and the other eight patients are being treated under isolation and are in a stable condition.

Admission to the ward and visiting 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.