

Cluster of Influenza A cases in Kwai Chung Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson of Kwai Chung Hospital made the following announcement today (4 September):

Nineteen patients (aged from 20 to 51) of a male learning disability ward have presented with respiratory symptoms since September 2. Appropriate viral tests have been arranged for the patients and their test results were positive to Influenza A. Three of the patients have been transferred to Princess Margaret Hospital for further treatment and the other 16 patients concerned are being treated under isolation in 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.