

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 (December 30):

Four patients (aged 68 to 92) in a psychogeriatric acute care and assessment ward have presented with respiratory symptoms since December 19. Appropriate viral tests were arranged for the patients and their test results were positive for Influenza A. Three of the patients have been transferred to Princess Margaret Hospital for further treatment.

Admission to the ward and visiting have been suspended. Infection control measures have 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 follow-up.