

Cluster of Influenza A cases in Tung Wah Eastern Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Tung Wah Eastern Hospital made the following announcement today (January 9):

Six patients (aged 78 to 93) in a female medical ward presented with respiratory symptoms since December 31, 2018. Appropriate tests were arranged for the patients concerned and their results were positive for Influenza Virus A (H3). A 83-year-old patient passed away on January 9 due to pneumonia. The remaining five patients are being treated under isolation with stable condition.

Admission has been suspended in the ward concerned and 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.