

Cluster of parainfluenza cases at Tuen Mun Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Tuen Mun Hospital made the following announcement today (March 26):

Three babies (one male and two females, aged 6 months to 10 months) in a special care baby unit have presented with upper respiratory tract infection symptoms since March 22. The hospital arranged appropriate testing for the patients, and the results were all positive for parainfluenza virus. The patients are being treated in isolation and are in stable condition.

Infection control measures have already been stepped up according to established guidelines:

1. Application of stringent contact and droplet precautions;
2. Enhanced hand hygiene for staff and visitors; and
3. Enhanced disinfection and cleaning of the ward concerned.

The hospital has reported these cases to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up. All patients in the ward are under close surveillance.