

Cluster of Parainfluenza Virus Type 2 cases in Siu Lam Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Siu Lam Hospital made the following announcement today (December 31):

Five patients (aged 18 to 68) and two staff members in a male ward for severe intellectual disability had presented with respiratory symptoms since December 24. Appropriate viral tests had been arranged for the patients and the test results of four patients were positive to Parainfluenza Virus Type 2. The patients concerned are being treated under isolation with stable condition. The staff member has recovered and resumed duty while the other one is currently on sick leave.

Admission to the ward has been suspended and restricted visiting has been imposed. 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.