

Cluster of Respiratory Syncytial Virus cases and update on cluster of Influenza A in Kwai Chung Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Kwai Chung Hospital (KCH) made the following announcement today (September 26):

Nine patients (aged 20 to 70) in a female ward of Learning Disabilities have been presenting with fever or respiratory symptoms since September 17. Appropriate viral tests had been arranged for the patients and the test results were positive for Respiratory Syncytial Virus. All patients are being treated in isolation and are in stable condition.

In addition, regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of patients infected with Influenza A in a post-admission ward of KCH, following a contact tracing investigation, one more 59-year-old male patient in the ward tested positive for Influenza A. The patient concerned is being treated in isolation with stable condition.

Admission to the wards concerned and visiting arrangements have been suspended. Infection control measures have already been enhanced according to established guidelines. The hospital will continue to closely monitor the conditions of the patients in the wards concerned.

The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.