

Cluster of Respiratory Syncytial Virus cases in Queen Mary Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Queen Mary Hospital made the following announcement today (August 24):

Three patients (one male and two female, aged 7 to 14) of the Haematology, Oncology and Immunology Unit and the Blood and Marrow Transplant Paediatric Ward presented with fever, cough and headache symptoms since August 8. Appropriate viral tests were arranged for the patients and their test results were positive for Respiratory Syncytial Virus. The patients are being treated under isolation and are in a stable condition.

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.