

Cluster of Respiratory Syncytial Virus cases in Shatin Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Shatin Hospital made the following announcement today (June 12):

Four patients (aged 69 to 87) in a medical and geriatrics ward have presented with symptoms of fever or respiratory symptoms since June 6. Appropriate viral tests were arranged for the patients and their test results were positive for Respiratory Syncytial Virus. Three patients are being treated in isolation. One of them is in serious condition due to his underlying medical conditions, while the remaining two patients are in stable condition. One patient passed away due to his underlying medical conditions.

Infection control measures have already been stepped up according to established guidelines. Droplet and contact precautions, hand hygiene, and cleaning and disinfection of the environment and equipment have also been strengthened.

The hospital will continue to closely monitor the conditions of the patients in the ward. The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.