

Cluster of Rhinovirus and Enterovirus cases in Hong Kong Children's Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Hong Kong Children's Hospital made the following announcement today (June 21):

Four patients (three males and one female, aged 13 months to 8 years old) and one staff member in a paediatric ward have presented with fever or respiratory symptoms since June 12. Appropriate tests were arranged for the four patients and their test results were positive for Rhinovirus/Enterovirus. They are now being treated under isolation and in stable condition.

Infection control measures have been stepped up according to the established guidelines, including thorough cleaning and disinfection of the ward concerned, stringent droplet and contact precautions, and enhanced hand hygiene for staff and patients.

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