

Cluster of Rhinovirus and Enterovirus cases in Kwai Chung Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson of Kwai Chung Hospital made the following announcement today (May 28):

Four patients (one male and three females, aged from 12 years to 16 years) of a child and adolescent ward had presented with respiratory symptoms since May 24. Appropriate viral tests had been arranged for the four patients and their test results were positive for Human Rhinovirus/Enterovirus. The patients concerned are being treated under isolation with stable condition.

Admission to the ward has been suspended. Infection control measures have already been stepped up according to established guidelines:

1. Thorough cleaning and disinfection of the ward concerned;
2. Enhanced medical surveillance of the patients and staff in the ward concerned; and
3. Applied stringent droplet and contact precautions and enhanced hand hygiene of staff and patients.

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