

Cluster of Rhinovirus and Enterovirus cases in Queen Elizabeth Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Queen Elizabeth Hospital made the following announcement today (May 13):

Four paediatric patients (two males and two females, aged from 5 months to 1 year) in a paediatric ward had presented with respiratory symptoms since May 4. Appropriate viral tests had been arranged for the four paediatric patients and their test results were positive for Rhinovirus/Enterovirus. One male patient has been discharged and the other three are being treated under isolation with stable condition. One male patient has been transferred to Hong Kong Children's Hospital for further treatment.

The following enhanced infection control measures have been adopted according to the established guidelines:

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

The hospital will continue to closely monitor other paediatric 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.