

Cluster of Rhinovirus/Enterovirus cases in Caritas Medical Centre

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Caritas Medical Centre made the following announcement today (November 30):

Six male residents (aged 8 to 14) in a ward of Developmental Disabilities Unit, Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine Department, have presented with fever or upper respiratory symptoms since November 25. Tests had been arranged for the six residents and their test results were positive for Rhinovirus/Enterovirus. They are now being treated under isolation and all are in stable condition.

Infection control measures have been stepped up according to the established guidelines, including:

1. Enhanced monitoring of clinical condition of all residents in the ward concerned;
2. Thorough cleaning and disinfection of the ward concerned;
3. Stringent droplet and contact precautions, and enhanced hand hygiene of staff and residents; and
4. New admissions to the ward concerned and special visiting have been temporarily suspended.

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