

Cluster of Rhinovirus/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 (November 15):

Three male patients (aged 1 to 11) and one staff member in a surgical ward have presented with fever or respiratory symptoms since November 9. Appropriate tests were arranged for the three patients and their test results were positive for Rhinovirus/Enterovirus. They are now being treated under isolation and are 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.