Clusters of Influenza A cases in Kowloon Central Cluster

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson of Kowloon Central Cluster made the following announcement today (January 18):

Three patients (aged 42 to 65) in a female ward of the Department of Medicine in Queen Elizabeth Hospital presented with upper respiratory tract infection symptoms since January 15. Clinical tests were arranged and the test results were positive for Influenza A. The patients concerned are being treated under isolation with all in stable condition.

In addition, regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of patients infected with Influenza A in a Medicine and Geriatrics ward in Kwong Wah Hospital, one more 78-year-old female patient in the ward presented with fever and respiratory symptoms. A clinical test was arranged and the test result was positive for Influenza A. The patient concerned is being treated under isolation and is in stable condition.

Infection control measures in Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Kwong Wah Hospital have already been stepped up according to established guidelines. All other patients in the wards are under close surveillance.

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