

Hospital Authority announces a measles case

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) today (April 2) announced a case of measles involving a 23-year-old male radiographer of Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH).

The HA received notification from the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health this evening on the positive test result for the measles virus of a staff member.

The staff member, with past good health, developed fever and rash on Monday (April 1) and was admitted to PMH. He is currently in stable condition.

During his communicable period, he has not worked in any of the high risk wards. He has injection records showing two previous doses of measles injection. He has no recent travel history nor visit to the Hong Kong International Airport.

The HA will work closely with the CHP on the source investigation and contact tracing. According to established guidelines, his close contact in the workplace will be monitored accordingly and blood tests will be conducted to ascertain their measles immunity if needed.

The HA Central Committee on Infectious Disease and Emergency Responses meeting scheduled tomorrow (April 3) will deliberate on the risk assessment of the overall situation of measles in the community as well as this particular case of staff infection.