

# RTSKH announces cases of Influenza A infection

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Ruttonjee and Tang Shiu Kin Hospitals made the following announcement today (January 24):

Three patients (aged 58 to 83) and one staff member of a female Geriatric Rehabilitation and Extended Care Ward presented with respiratory symptoms since January 21. Appropriate viral tests were arranged for the patients and their test results were positive for Influenza A. Two patients are in stable condition while another 81-year-old patient passed away due to her underlying disease. The staff member concerned has recovered.

Furthermore, regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of patients infected with Influenza A in a male Geriatric Rehabilitation and Extended Care Ward, one more 42-year-old patient and two staff members in the ward presented with respiratory symptoms. Appropriate viral tests were arranged and the test results were positive for Influenza A. The patient concerned is in stable condition. One staff member concerned has recovered and the other staff member is currently on leave.

Admission to the wards has been suspended. Visiting has also been suspended except for special circumstances. Infection control measures have already been stepped up according to established guidelines. All other patients in the ward are under close surveillance.

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