

SLH update of clustering of in-patients infected with Human Metapneumovirus and Rhinovirus respectively

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding earlier announcements on two clusters of in-patients infected with Human Metapneumovirus and Rhinovirus respectively, the spokesperson for Siu Lam Hospital made the following update today (September 1):

A cluster of patients had earlier been confirmed with Human Metapneumovirus in a male ward for severe intellectual disability. One more 63-year-old patient in the ward presented with respiratory symptoms. Appropriate viral tests were arranged for the patient. He is being treated under isolation with stable condition.

In another male ward for severe intellectual disability, there was also a cluster of patients infected with Rhinovirus earlier. One more 62-year-old patient in the ward presented with respiratory symptoms. Appropriate viral tests were arranged for the patient. He is being treated under isolation with stable condition.

Admission to the two wards has been suspended and restricted visiting has been imposed. Infection control measures have already been stepped up according to established guidelines. All other patients in the wards are under close surveillance.

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