

Update of a cluster of patients infected with Coronavirus OC43 in SLH

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of patients infected with Coronavirus OC43 in a male ward for severe intellectual disability, the spokesperson for Siu Lam Hospital made the following update today (January 1):

One more 50-year-old patient in the ward had presented with respiratory symptoms. Appropriate viral tests had been arranged for the patient and the test result was positive to Coronavirus OC43. The patient concerned is being treated under isolation with stable condition. Coronavirus OC43 is a known human coronavirus, which usually causes mild respiratory infection such as common cold.

Admission to the ward 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 ward are under close surveillance.

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