

Update on cluster of chickenpox cases in Kwai Chung Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of patients infected with chickenpox in a male ward of learning disabilities, the spokesperson for Kwai Chung Hospital made the following update today (February 1):

Following a contact tracing investigation, one more patient in the ward, a 21-year-old male who had no antibodies of varicella zoster virus, was transferred to Princess Margaret Hospital on January 25 for isolation and medical surveillance. The patient has been presenting with rash and fever since January 31 and was confirmed to have chickenpox infection after viral tests were arranged. The patient concerned is being treated in isolation and is in stable condition.

Admission to the ward concerned continues to be suspended. Infection control measures have already been stepped up. The hospital will continue to closely monitor the situation of the patients. The case has been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.