

# Update on cluster of Human Metapneumovirus in Castle Peak Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of patients infected with Human Metapneumovirus in a male adult psychiatric ward, the spokesperson for Castle Peak Hospital made the following update today (March 21):

Two more patients (aged 31 and 59) in the ward have presented with respiratory symptoms. Appropriate viral tests were arranged for the patients and their test results were positive to Human Metapneumovirus. The patients concerned are being treated in isolation and are in stable condition.

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