Update on cluster of Influenza A 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 Influenza A in a female psychiatric ward, the spokesperson for Kwai Chung Hospital gave the following update today (July 8):

Two more patients (aged 35 and 42) and one staff member in the ward have presented with respiratory symptoms. Appropriate viral tests were arranged for the patients and the test results are pending. Treatments are being given to the patients concerned, who are in stable condition. The staff member is currently on sick leave.

Infection control measures have already been stepped up according to the established guidelines. All other patients in the ward concerned 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.