

Update on cluster of Influenza A cases in Queen Elizabeth 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 male ward of the Department of Medicine, the spokesperson for Queen Elizabeth Hospital made the following update today (January 27):

One more patient aged 88 and a staff member in the ward presented with upper respiratory tract infection symptoms. Clinical test was arranged for the patient and the test result was positive for Influenza A. The patient is being treated under isolation and is in critical condition. The staff member is currently on leave.

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 Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.