

# Update on cluster of Rhinovirus and Enterovirus cases in Queen Elizabeth Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of paediatric patients confirmed to be carriers of Rhinovirus/Enterovirus in paediatrics ward, the spokesperson for Queen Elizabeth Hospital made the following update today (May 14):

One more one-year-old male paediatric patient of the ward concerned presented with respiratory symptoms. Appropriate viral test was arranged for the patient and his test result is positive to Rhinovirus/Enterovirus. The patient is treated under isolation with stable condition.

The following enhanced infection control measures have been adopted according to the established guidelines:

1. Thorough cleaning and disinfection of the ward concerned;
2. Enhance medical surveillance of the paediatric patients in the ward concerned; and
3. Apply stringent droplet and contact precautions and enhance hand hygiene of staff and paediatric patients.

The hospital will continue to closely monitor the other paediatric patients in the ward. The case has been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.