Update on cluster of Rhinovirus/Enterovirus cases in Caritas Medical Centre

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority.

Regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of residents infected with Rhinovirus/Enterovirus in a ward of the Developmental Disabilities Unit, Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine Department. The spokesperson for Caritas Medical Centre gave the following update today (December 9):

Two more female residents of the same ward (aged 9 and 12) have presented with fever and upper respiratory symptoms since December 7. Appropriate tests had been arranged and their test results were positive for Rhinovirus/Enterovirus. The residents concerned have been treated under isolation and are in stable condition.

Infection control measures have already been stepped up according to established guidelines. All other residents in the ward are still under close surveillance.

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