

Update on cluster of upper respiratory infection cases in Caritas Medical Centre

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of patients in the Developmental Disabilities Unit of Caritas Medical Centre with upper respiratory infection, the spokesperson for Caritas Medical Centre gave the following update today (May 3):

Three more patients in the unit (aged 6 to 7) have presented with upper respiratory symptoms. Appropriate viral tests were arranged. The test result of one patient, who is in a serious condition, was positive for human metapneumovirus. The test results of the other two patients were positive for Influenza A virus and they are in a stable condition. The patients concerned are being treated under isolation.

The hospital has informed the relatives of the patients about the situation. Infection control measures in the ward have been enhanced. 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.