

Cluster of Human Metapneumovirus in United Christian Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for United Christian Hospital made the following announcement today (March 7):

Mild respiratory symptoms appeared in patients in a female psychiatric ward starting on February 25. Appropriate tests had been arranged for the patients, among which three patients (aged 61 to 70) tested positive for Human Metapneumovirus and met the case definition. Patients are being treated in isolation and are in stable condition.

A full investigation and thorough cleaning and disinfection have been conducted in the ward. Stringent droplet and contact precautions and enhancement of hand hygiene will be carried out.

The hospital will continue to closely monitor the conditions of the patients in the ward. The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.