

Cluster of Influenza A cases in Ruttonjee and Tang Shiu Kin Hospitals

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Ruttonjee and Tang Shiu Kin Hospitals made the following announcement today (January 21):

Twelve male patients (aged 45 to 96) of a Geriatric Rehabilitation and Extended Care Ward presented with respiratory symptoms since January 17. Appropriate viral tests were arranged for the patients and their test results were positive for Influenza A.

Admission to the ward has been suspended. Visiting has also been suspended except in special circumstances. 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 the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.