

Cluster of Influenza A cases in Yan Chai Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Yan Chai Hospital (YCH) made the following announcement today (February 12):

Three male patients (aged 55 to 61) in a medical ward and one staff member of YCH have presented with upper respiratory tract infection symptoms since February 4. Appropriate viral tests were arranged and the test results were positive for Influenza A. One of the patients was discharged upon recovery; one patient is being treated under isolation and is in a stable condition; and one of the three patients passed away due to his own underlying illness and Influenza A. The staff member concerned is currently on leave.

Admission to the ward has been suspended. Infection control measures have already been stepped up according to the established guidelines. All other patients in the ward are under close surveillance.

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