

Update on cluster of Enterovirus/Rhinovirus and Parainfluenza virus cases in Kwong Wah Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of patients who were confirmed to have Enterovirus/Rhinovirus and Parainfluenza Virus Type 3 in a paediatrics and adolescent ward, the spokesperson for Kwong Wah Hospital (KWH) made the following update today (January 21):

One more patient (a six-month-old baby girl) in the ward has presented with fever since January 21. The appropriate viral test was arranged for the baby girl and the test result was positive for Parainfluenza Virus Type 3. The patient is being treated under isolation and is in stable condition.

Enhanced infection control measures have already been adopted in the ward concerned according to prevailing guidelines. Droplet and contact precautions, hand hygiene, cleaning and disinfection of the environment and equipment have also been strengthened.

The hospital will continue to closely monitor the situation in the ward concerned. The case has been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for follow-up.