

Tuberculosis in the school setting in Hong Kong from January to June 2022

From January 2022 to June 2022, the Department of Health (DH) received notification of 1577 (provisional figure) tuberculosis (TB) cases, of which 58 (3.68%) were aged 3 to 24 years (usual school age). The corresponding proportion in 2020 and 2021 was 5.53% and 4.06% (provisional figure) respectively.

According to the data as of 1 August 2022, there was 1 cluster of TB cases in the school setting from January to June 2022, comprising 2 subjects. The cluster was from a tertiary institution. The cases within the cluster were not bacteriologically linked.

DH will continue to promote awareness of TB and its prevention in schools, the general community as well as the health care sector so as to facilitate early diagnosis and allow effective control of this airborne infectious disease at its very source.

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