

## **Tuberculosis in the school setting in Hong Kong from July to December 2022**

For tuberculosis (TB) in the school setting in Hong Kong, as of 15 February 2023, there was 1 cluster of TB cases from July to December 2022. The cluster was from a tertiary institution, comprising 2 subjects. The genotyping analysis of this cluster did not find the cases to be bacteriologically linked.

From July 2022 to December 2022, the Department of Health (DH) received notification of 1 666 (provisional figure) TB cases. Among which 70 cases, aged 3 to 24 years (the usual school age), accounted for 4.20% of the total notified cases in the second half of 2022. The corresponding proportion of TB cases for the age group 3 to 24 in the second half of 2020 and 2021 were 4.34% and 4.32% respectively.

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 effective control of this airborne infectious disease at its very source.

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