

## **Tuberculosis in the school setting in Hong Kong from January to June 2023**

For tuberculosis (TB) in the school setting in Hong Kong, as of 15 August 2023, no TB cluster was found from January 2023 to June 2023 after conducting epidemiological analysis and mass contact screening.

From January 2023 to June 2023, the Department of Health (DH) received notification of 1 617 (provisional figure) TB cases. Among which 48 cases, aged 3 to 24 years (the usual school age), accounted for 2.97% of the total notified cases in the first half of 2023. The corresponding proportion of TB cases for the age group 3 to 24 in the first half of 2021 and 2022 were 4.07% and 3.74% (provisional figure) 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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