

## **Tuberculosis in the school setting in Hong Kong from January to June 2024**

For tuberculosis (TB) in the school setting in Hong Kong, as of 15 August 2024, no TB cluster was found from January 2024 to June 2024 after conducting epidemiological analysis and mass contact screening.

From January 2024 to June 2024, the Department of Health (DH) received notification of 1 634 (provisional figure) TB cases. Among which 43 cases, aged 3 to 24 years (the usual school age), accounted for 2.63% of the total notified cases in the first half of 2024. The corresponding proportion of TB cases for the age group 3 to 24 in the first half of 2022 and 2023 were 3.74% and 3.00% (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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