

Activation of community isolation facility with medical post

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Based on the risk stratification patient management strategy, the Hospital Authority (HA) announced today (February 7) that a medical post will be established in the new community isolation facility in Penny's Bay to be activated tomorrow (February 8) to support the medical service needs of citizens under isolation arrangements.

"The facility mainly receives low-risk patients from hospitals or community treatment facilities who have no, or only mild, symptoms; and are young and independent," the HA spokesman said.

"According to the clinical experience in Hong Kong and data from around the world, these confirmed patients do not require any treatment. Generally, they only need to be isolated until the virus in the body drops to a safe level. It typically takes five to 10 days for these patients to be discharged."

The spokesman said that this arrangement could lessen demand on hospital isolation wards and community treatment facilities as soon as possible for patients with higher risks of medical care requirements, in particular those unvaccinated elderly and paediatric patients, as well as chronically ill patients.

Generally speaking, citizens who are isolated in the community isolation facility do not require clinical care. As a precaution, the HA will set up a medical post in the facility to provide medical consultation services and symptom-relieving medications. Patients will be arranged for transfer to hospitals for other medical needs if necessary.