

COVID-19 preliminary positive patients of various public hospitals

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) today (February 6) announced three preliminary positive COVID-19 patient cases detected via admission screening or routine testing arrangements:

An 89-year-old female patient admitted to the orthopaedics & traumatology ward of Kwong Wah Hospital on February 5 was found to be preliminarily positive to COVID-19 during the admission screening. The patient was transferred, in stable condition, to the isolation ward for treatment immediately. The hospital's infection control team had conducted contact tracing accordingly. Four patients in the same cubicle were identified as close contacts. Besides, a nurse who carried out oral examination for the patient without eye protection was also identified as a close contact. They would be quarantine as required.

A 62-year-old female patient visited the medical ward of Queen Elizabeth Hospital for regular haemodialysis treatment on February 5. She has obtained negative result at the routine COVID-19 test before the treatment and was found preliminarily positive at the routine test conducted on the day. The patient concerned is asymptomatic and is now under isolation treatment with stable condition.

The hospital's infection control team has conducted contact tracing and found that the patient concerned had briefly taken off the mask when taking medication. Four patients in the same ward were classified as close contacts and are now isolated for quarantine arrangement. Healthcare staff in the ward concerned are equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment in accordance with the infection control guideline and currently no staff member is classified as a close contact.

A 31-year-old male patient admitted to a mixed specialty ward of Pok Oi Hospital in the early morning of February 5 was found to be preliminarily positive to COVID-19 during admission screening. The patient has been transferred to an isolation ward for treatment and is currently in stable condition.

The hospital infection control team conducted contact tracing and noted that the patient vomited during his stay in the mixed specialty ward. A phlebotomist who took blood for the patient and an operation assistant who took care of the patient when he vomited were classified as close contacts. They would be quarantined as required. Six other patients nearby would be transferred to the surveillance ward.

Thorough cleaning and disinfection have been arranged in the affected

areas by the hospitals concerned, which will continue to communicate with the Centre for Health Protection on the latest situation.