

Grantham Hospital announces visitor tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Grantham Hospital (GH) made the following announcement today (February 23) concerning a visitor who tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19:

A female patient who tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19 was found to have been a visitor of GH's palliative ward on February 20 and 21 when she visited her relative. According to the hospital records, the visitor had presented negative result proof of COVID-19 testing conducted within 72 hours each time when she entered the hospital premises. She stayed in the ward for about 30 minutes each time and she wore masks throughout the visits. Yesterday (February 22), the patient had the symptom of running nose and underwent a virus test at a mobile specimen collection station. The preliminary test result available today was positive for COVID-19.

The hospital's infection control team conducted contact tracing accordingly. The relative visited by the visitor together with three other patients in the same cubicle were classified as close contacts and will be quarantined as they could not wear a mask properly due to their health conditions. All healthcare workers have been wearing appropriate personal protective equipment. No staff member was identified as a close contact.

The hospital has arranged thorough cleaning and disinfection of the areas in the ward. GH will continue to closely monitor the health conditions of its staff and patients and communicate with the Centre for Health Protection about the latest situation.