

# Hospital Authority announces five preliminary positive patient cases detected via admission screening

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority.

â€‹The Hospital Authority today (February 9) announced the following preliminary positive COVID-19 patient cases detected via admission screening:

A 31-year-old female patient admitted to a gynaecology ward of Kwong Wah Hospital tested preliminarily positive during an admission screening on February 7. The patient is now under isolation treatment and is in stable condition. The hospital's infection control team had conducted contact tracing accordingly. Two patients who stayed with the patient concerned in the same cubicle were identified as close contacts and will be isolated for quarantine. Healthcare staff concerned are equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment in accordance with infection control guidelines, and currently no staff member is classified as a close contact.

Two male patients (69 and 93 years old) in an orthopedics ward and a medical ward of Caritas Medical Centre tested preliminarily positive during an admission screening yesterday (February 8). Both patients are in stable condition and are being treated under isolation. The hospital's infection control team is conducting contact tracing. Currently, 17 patients who have stayed with the two patients concerned in the same cubicle were identified as close contacts and will be isolated for quarantine.

A 49-year-old female patient, who has been admitted to the oncology ward of Prince of Wales Hospital, tested preliminarily positive during an admission screening yesterday. She is being treated in isolation and is in stable condition. Eight patients who stayed in the same cubicle with the patient concerned were classified as close contacts and will be isolated for quarantine. COVID-19 tests have been arranged for the remaining 19 patients in the ward concerned and results are pending.

A 76-year-old female patient in a medical ward of Ruttonjee Hospital tested preliminarily positive during an admission screening yesterday. The patient is being treated under isolation and is in stable condition. The hospital's infection control team has conducted contact tracing. Four patients who stayed with the patient concerned in the same cubicle were identified as close contacts and will be isolated for quarantine.

A thorough cleaning and disinfection have been performed in the affected areas by the hospitals. The hospitals will continue to communicate with the Centre for Health Protection on the latest situation.