

## Hospital Authority announces positive patient cases detected via admission screening or testing and clusters of nosocomial COVID-19 infections

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority today (July 30) announced information regarding patients who tested positive via admission screening or testing with patients or staff members identified as close contacts and nosocomial COVID-19 infection cases.

The following are the statistics of patients who tested positive via admission screening or by testing in public hospitals with patients or staff members identified as close contacts:

Hospital/clinic	Number of patients who tested positive	Number of patients identified as close contacts	Number of staff members without appropriate personal protective equipment identified as close contacts
Princess Margaret Hospital	3	4	—
North District Hospital	2	2	—
Castle Peak Hospital	1	7	—

In addition, a 94-year-old male patient in a Medicine and Geriatrics ward of Princess Margaret Hospital was tested positive for COVID-19 via testing on July 26. Through contact tracing by the hospital, a 65-year-old male patient who had stayed in the same Medicine and Geriatrics ward with the patient concerned was tested positive for COVID-19 on July 27. Both cases were announced by the hospital on July 28. The hospital commenced a contact tracing investigation and found three more patients (aged 64 to 82) and a student nurse in the same ward with the 65-year-old male patient tested positive for COVID-19 since July 28. The student nurse concerned is in stable condition, while all five patients are currently treated under isolation with stable conditions.

Furthermore, a staff member of a post-admission ward of Kwai Chung Hospital tested positive for COVID-19 on July 20. Three female patients (aged 52 to 59) in the same ward subsequently tested positive for COVID-19. The

hospital is investigating the linkage among the cases concerned. The patients concerned have been transferred to Princess Margaret Hospital for isolation treatment and are in stable condition. The staff member concerned is also in stable condition. Two patients in the same ward are identified as close contacts. Patients and staff member of the concerned ward have been arranged for testing.

Admission and visiting arrangement for the aforementioned wards have been suspended. Thorough cleaning and disinfection have been conducted in the wards concerned. The hospitals will continue to monitor the health condition of patients and staff members closely, and communicate with the Centre for Health Protection on the latest situation.