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 (August 4) 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	patients who	Number of patients identified as close contacts	Number of staff members without appropriate personal protective equipment identified as close contacts
Queen Mary Hospital	1	1	_
Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital	1	1	_

In addition, a 94-year-old female patient in a tuberculosis and chest ward of Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Wong Tai Sin Hospital tested positive for COVID-19 yesterday (August 3). The patient concerned deteriorated later and passed away today. A family member who had visited the patient concerned on compassionate grounds also tested positive for COVIDâ€19. The hospital conducted contact tracing investigation in the ward concerned. Three more female patients in the same ward tested positive for COVID-19. The three patients are currently receiving isolation treatment and are in stable condition.

Admission and visiting arrangements for the ward concerned have been suspended. Arrangements on patient discharge to old age homes and transfer to other hospitals have been suspended as well. Thorough cleaning and disinfection have been conducted for 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.

There have been no clusters of nosocomial infection cases reported in public hospitals today.