

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 16) 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
Ruttonjee and Tang Shiu Kin Hospitals	1	2	–
Queen Mary Hospital	1	4	–
Queen Elizabeth Hospital	1	1	–
Pok Oi Hospital	1	2	–
Tuen Mun Hospital	2	3	–

In addition, an 85-year-old patient in a male integrated medical and geriatric ward of Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital tested positive for COVID-19 through admission screening on August 13. The hospital commenced contact tracing investigation. Five more patients, aged 67 to 95, and one staff member also tested positive. The patients and staff member concerned are being treated under isolation with stable condition. The hospital is continuing to conduct contact tracing investigation and two patients have been identified as close contacts.

Arrangements on admission, transfer to other hospitals, patient discharge to old age homes and special visiting have been suspended for the wards concerned. Thorough cleaning and disinfection has also been conducted.

The following are the statistics of clusters of nosocomial infection cases in public hospitals:

Hospital/clinic	Number of patients who tested positive	Number of staff members who tested positive
Castle Peak Hospital	1	–

A staff member in a palliative care and hospice ward of the Department of Clinical Oncology in Tuen Mun Hospital tested positive for COVID-19 on August 11. The hospital commenced contact tracing investigation. Nine more patients and four staff members also tested positive. All nine infected patients are being treated under isolation. Among them, a 53-year-old male patient is in critical condition due to his underlying diseases. Two male patients, aged 76 and 84, are in serious condition due to their underlying diseases while the other six patients, aged 45 to 87, are in stable condition. Five staff members are also in stable condition. The hospital is investigating the linkage of the cases concerned.

Admission and visiting arrangements for the ward concerned have been suspended. Thorough cleaning and disinfection have been conducted. Testing has been arranged for patients and staff members of the ward concerned.

The hospitals will continue to monitor the health conditions of patients and staff members closely, and communicate with the Centre for Health Protection on the latest situation.