

## 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 (September 5) 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 |
|----------------------------|--|---|--|
| Queen Elizabeth Hospital   | 1                                      | 1   | –  |
| Princess Margaret Hospital | 1                                      | 1   | –  |
| Tseung Kwan O Hospital     | 1                                      | 3   | –  |
| Caritas Medical Centre     | 1                                      | 1   | –  |
| Prince of Wales Hospital   | 1                                      | 1   | –  |

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 |
|----------------------------|--|---|
| Princess Margaret Hospital | –                                      | 1   |

In addition, a staff member of a female ward for severe intellectual disability at Siu Lam Hospital tested positive for COVID-19 on September 3.

The hospital arranged testing for all patients and staff members in the ward concerned, and seven more patients and a staff member subsequently tested positive for COVID-19. The patients and staff members concerned are being treated under isolation and are in stable condition. Four patients who stayed in the same dormitory were identified as close contacts and are being isolated for quarantine.

The hospital is investigating the linkage among the nine cases. Visiting arrangements for the ward concerned have been suspended. Thorough cleaning and disinfection operations have been conducted. The hospital 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.