

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 14) 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	3	5	—
Tuen Mun Hospital	5	10	—
Pok Oi Hospital	1	3	—

In addition, a 90-year-old female patient in a medicine and geriatrics rehabilitation ward of Caritas Medical Centre tested positive for COVID-19 via pre-discharge testing on September 9. The hospital commenced a contact tracing investigation. Two more female patients, aged 84 and 92, also tested positive. The hospital is investigating the linkage among the cases concerned. Three patients are being treated in isolation. One patient is in serious condition due to her underlying medical illness while the other two patients are in stable condition. The hospital has arranged viral tests for the patients of the ward concerned and they have all tested negative so far. Environmental samples have been taken from the ward.

Visiting arrangements for the ward concerned have been suspended and 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.