

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 26) 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 Mary Hospital	1	1	–
Kwong Wah Hospital	3	9	–
Queen Elizabeth Hospital	1	2	–
Prince of Wales Hospital	1	1	–

In addition, two staff members in the intensive care unit (ICU) of Prince of Wales Hospital tested positive for COVID-19 on September 23. A hospital infection control team commenced a contact tracing investigation, and 16 more staff members have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past three days. The staff concerned are currently on sick leave and are undergoing isolation in stable condition. The hospital has arranged all staff members and patients in the ICU to undergo COVID-19 tests. All staff were equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment at work. No patients are classified as close contacts. The service in the ICU is unaffected.

Thorough cleaning and disinfection operations have been conducted in the areas concerned, while infection control measures have been enhanced, including all staff members of ICU being required to wear surgical

respirators at work during medical surveillance. All environmental specimens collected in ICU areas have tested negative for COVID-19. According to a preliminary investigation, the staff members concerned have not attended any mass gatherings. The hospital will continue to investigate the source of infection, closely monitor the health conditions of patients and staff members, and communicate with the Centre for Health Protection on the latest situation.