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 (HA) today (May 23) 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 clusters of nosocomial infection cases in public hospitals:

Hospital/clinic	Number of patients who tested positive	Number of staff members who tested positive
North Lantau Hospital	1	—

North Lantau Hospital (NLTH) announced today that a female patient tested positive for COVID-19. She belonged to a cluster of nosocomial infections with a confirmed male patient reported earlier.

A recovered COVID-19 male patient was transferred from Princess Margaret Hospital to NLTH for rehabilitation on May 18. In response to the change in the patient's clinical condition, NLTH arranged a COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction test for the patient concerned on May 19 and the result was positive. Two other male patients staying in the same cubicle were subsequently identified as close contacts, of which one male patient tested positive for COVID-19 on May 20. He attended the same rehabilitation session with the above-mentioned female patient prior to the confirmation of his infection. Another female patient, who stayed in the same cubicle with the above-mentioned female patient, was identified as a close contact and was arranged for quarantine.

All patients concerned are being treated in isolation at the HA Infectious Disease Centre and NLTH Hong Kong Infection Control Centre, and are in stable condition. Admission and visiting arrangements for the ward concerned have been suspended. A thorough cleaning and disinfection were arranged. As a precautionary measure, the hospital has arranged testing for the patients and staff members concerned. The hospital will continue to closely monitor the health condition of patients and staff members, and communicate with the Centre for Health Protection on the latest situation.

There have been no patients who tested positive via admission screening

or by testing in public hospitals with patients or staff members identified as close contacts reported in public hospitals today.