

## 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 (July 15) 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
United Christian Hospital	1	1	–
Princess Margaret Hospital	1	1	–
Tuen Mun Hospital	1	3	–

In addition, a male patient of an orthopaedics and traumatology ward of Queen Elizabeth Hospital tested positive for COVID-19 yesterday (July 14). The hospital commenced contact tracing investigation and arranged testing for all patients and staff members in the ward concerned. Test results of three patients in the same ward were positive for COVID-19. All patients who tested positive are being treated under isolation in stable condition.

Furthermore, one more female patient in a palliative care ward of Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital tested positive for COVID-19. So far, there are altogether eight patients and five staff members who have tested positive. The patient is being treated under isolation in stable condition.

Admission and visiting arrangements for the aforementioned wards have been suspended. Thorough cleaning and disinfection have been conducted. The hospitals 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.