

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 16) 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
Tuen Mun Hospital	1	3	—

In addition, a patient of a male psychiatric ward of Tai Po Hospital tested positive for COVID-19 on July 13. The hospital commenced contact tracing investigation. Two patients and two staff members also tested positive for COVID-19. The three patients have been transferred to Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital for treatment under isolation and are in stable condition. Two staff members are in stable condition.

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

Two more male patients of an orthopaedics and traumatology ward of Queen Elizabeth Hospital tested positive for COVID-19. The patients concerned are being treated under isolation in stable condition. One of the patients had previously undergone surgery and was admitted to Intensive Care Unit (ICU). The hospital commenced contact tracing investigation, 10 staff members were identified as close contacts and required quarantine. Among them, an ICU

nurse tested positive for COVID-19 today.

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.