

# Hospital Authority announces six preliminary positive patient cases detected via admission screening

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Hospital Authority (HA) today (February 8) announced the following preliminary positive COVID 19 patient cases detected via admission screening:

Three males and one female patient in a surgical ward and two medical wards of Caritas Medical Centre tested preliminarily positive during admission screening yesterday. One 53-year-old male and one 33-year-old female patient with stable condition, and one 76-year-old male patient with critical condition are being treated under isolation. One 73-year-old male patient with chronic diseases required resuscitation upon admission. His condition continued to deteriorate and eventually succumbed at 4.45am. The case will be referred to the coroner for follow up. The hospital's infection control team has conducted contact tracing accordingly. Twenty-three patients, who have stayed in the same cubicle with the four patients, are identified as close contacts and will be isolated for quarantine. Among them, one discharged patient has been referred to the Department of Health for follow up.

A 67-year-old female patient in a medical ward of Yan Chai Hospital tested preliminarily positive during admission screening yesterday. The patient is being treated under isolation with stable condition. The hospital's infection control team has conducted contact tracing. Four patients stayed with the patient concerned in the same cubicle were identified as close contacts and will be isolated for quarantine.

An 87-year-old male patient in a medicine and geriatrics ward of Princess Margaret Hospital tested preliminarily positive during admission screening yesterday. The patient is being treated under isolation with stable condition. The hospital's infection control team has conducted contact tracing. Nine patients stayed with the patient concerned in the same cubicle were identified as close contacts and will be isolated for quarantine.

Thorough cleansing and disinfection have been performed in the affected areas by the hospitals. The hospitals will continue to communicate with the Centre for Health Protection on the latest situation.