

# Hospital Authority announces staff members confirmed/ preliminary confirmed due to home or community contacts

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority today (February 7) announced that the following staff members are confirmed or preliminarily confirmed for COVID-19 infection due to their home or community contacts.

- A Tuen Mun Hospital doctor;
- Six nursing staff working in Prince of Wales Hospital, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kwai Chung Hospital, Caritas Medical Centre, North Lantau Hospital and Ruttonjee Hospital and;
- Eight patient care assistants, operation assistants and clerks working in Prince of Wales Hospital, Tai Po Hospital, Tin Shui Wai Hospital, Caritas Medical Centre and Yan Chai Hospital.

All staff members had been transferred to hospitals for treatment under isolation. Hospitals concerned have conducted contact tracing according to operation need and to arrange cleansing disinfection work. All related staff members had worn appropriate personal protective equipment at work. No patient has been identified as close contact so far.

Since some of the abovementioned staff had been eating or chatting with other staff members without wearing masks, 27 staff members had been identified as close contacts. They will be arranged to be quarantined and be test as required.

Among the staff members being identified as close contacts, 17 of them are staff members of Queen Elizabeth Hospital's Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Admission to the ICU has been suspended, while patients currently in the ICU are not affected. The hospital will redeploy hospital beds within the cluster to cope with the situation.

In light of the deteriorating epidemic situation, HA again reminds its staff to minimise social activities including cross-family gatherings and having meals with other staff members. Staff members should also wear appropriate personal protective equipment at work.