

Hospital Authority staff members confirmed or preliminarily confirmed as having COVID-19 infection due to their home or community contact

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority today (February 4) announced that the following staff members are confirmed or preliminarily confirmed as having COVID-19 infection due to their home or community contact:

- One patient care assistant of Haven of Hope Hospital;
- One phlebotomist of Tseung Kwan O Hospital;
- One patient care assistant of United Christian Hospital;
- Two nursing staff members of Caritas Medical Centre;
- One operation assistant responsible for cleaning and one healthcare assistant of a medical ward of Princess Margaret Hospital;
- One supporting staff member responsible for patient delivery of Yan Chai Hospital's outsourced contractor;
- One patient care assistant of Castle Peak Hospital; and
- One clerk of Tin Shui Wai Hospital.

All preliminarily confirmed staff members have been transferred to hospitals for treatment under isolation. Infection control teams of the hospitals concerned have conducted contact tracing and confirmed that all related staff members had worn appropriate personal protective equipment. The hospitals have arranged thorough cleaning and disinfection of the working areas involved. No patient has been identified as a close contact so far.

A total of 14 staff members have been identified as close contacts due to eating and chatting with the staff members concerned without wearing masks. Arrangements have been made for them to be quarantined and tested as required. Their test results are negative so far.

In light of the deteriorating epidemic situation, the 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.