Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital announces a preliminarily positive case of COVID-19

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital (OLMH) made the following announcement today (January 29) regarding a preliminarily positive case of COVID-19:

A 73-year-old female patient attended the general out-patient clinic of OLMH due to dry cough on January 28. She tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19 and is now in stable condition.

The hospital's infection control team commenced contact tracing immediately and identified a doctor who examined the patient's throat without eye protection, as close contact. The doctor concerned is currently asymptomatic and her clinical duty has been suspended. She tested negative for COVID-19 and is waiting for quarantine arrangement.

The hospital has arranged thorough cleansing and disinfection in the general out-patient clinic, and reinforced all infection control measures. The hospital reminded healthcare staff again to remain vigilant, and should wear appropriate personal protective equipment when performing high risk procedures for patients or when patients cannot wear masks.

The hospital will continue to closely monitor the health condition of staff members and communicate with the Centre for Health Protection on the latest situation.