

Pok Oi Hospital announces a patient tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Pok Oi Hospital (POH) made the following announcement today (August 31) concerning a male patient tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19:

A 64-year-old male patient sought consultation in Accident and Emergency Department (AED) of POH at around 5pm yesterday (August 30) due to shortness of breath and fever. His oxygen level in blood was low. High flow oxygen was provided to assist his breathing. COVID-19 test was arranged by the hospital and the test result was preliminarily positive.

POH conducted infection control investigation according to the established mechanism after the patient being tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19. It was confirmed that the whole process of patient handling was appropriate. However, a patient care assistant and a radiographer had not worn appropriate personal protective equipment when changing clothes and taking X-ray imaging for the patient. They were classified as close contacts and will be quarantined in the quarantine centre for 14 days. POH had contacted the Centre for Health Protection for the incident. Staff members are reminded the importance of full compliance with the guidelines on appropriate personal protective equipment.

The patient has been transferred to the Intensive Care Unit of Princess Margaret Hospital earlier and is now in critical condition.