Pok Oi Hospital announces patient case tests positive for COVID-19 with unknown source of infection

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Pok Oi Hospital (POH) today (April 4) announced a patient case that tested positive for COVID-19 with an unknown source of infection.

The nasopharyngeal swab of a 93-year-old male patient at POH tested positive for COVID-19. His sample has been referred to the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) for further laboratory testing. The patient was admitted to a Medicine & Geriatrics (M&G) ward of POH on March 10 because of stroke. He was then transferred to another M&G ward on 8/F on March 28 until he was discharged on April 1. On April 3 the patient was admitted to POH with fever and vomiting. As he had symptoms of a chest infection, he was admitted to a surveillance ward and his nasopharyngeal swab was taken for COVID-19 testing. The patient is now in serious condition.

The patient had been staying in the hospital for most of the time during the incubation period. POH is working closely with the CHP and infectious disease experts to identify the possible source of infection.

According to the guideline of the CHP, the infectious period was set as two days before the onset of symptoms. Patient admissions have been suspended for the M&G wards that the patient had stayed in and deep cleansing of the wards will be arranged. The hospital will conduct the medical surveillance and quarantine arrangements for staff members and patients who have had contact with the patient during the incubation period.