

Pok Oi Hospital announces 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 (February 3) regarding a patient who tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19:

A 72-year-old male patient was admitted to the POH Accident and Emergency Department yesterday (February 2) due to chest discomfort and dizziness. He did not have any respiratory symptoms. According to the established procedures, an admission screening test for COVID-19 was arranged for the patient. He was then transferred to the Medical and Geriatrics Ward for treatment. His specimen tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19. The patient was immediately transferred to an isolation ward of Tuen Mun Hospital for further treatment with stable condition.

The hospital's infection control unit conducted contact tracing accordingly. Six male patients who had stayed in the same cubicle with the patient, and the three nurses who provided care for the patient when he vomited, were classified as close contacts and are required to be quarantined for 14 days. Also, a doctor who had examined the patient has to undergo 28-day medical surveillance.

The hospital had conducted thorough cleaning and disinfection for the areas concerned. POH will continue to closely monitor the health of its staff and patients and communicate with the Centre for Health Protection on the latest situation.