

Prince of Wales Hospital announces a clerk tested positive for COVID-19

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for the Prince of Wales Hospital (PWH) made the following announcement today (February 5) regarding a clerk who has tested positive for COVID-19:

A clerk of the Department of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care developed symptoms of upper respiratory tract infection on January 25. She underwent a deep throat saliva test on February 3. The test result available today was positive for COVID-19. She has been admitted to the Community Treatment Facility.

Upon learning the test result, hospital infection control team conducted contact tracing. It was noted that the last duty day of the clerk was February 3. She is mainly responsible for clerical duties and has no contact with patients. She had been wearing surgical masks during work. No patient was identified as a close contact. Three staff members sitting close to her in the same office were identified as close contacts and will be quarantined. COVID-19 tests have been arranged for them and the test results are negative.

As a precautionary measure, the hospital has arranged COVID-19 tests for another four staff members in the same office. The test results are negative.

Thorough cleansing and disinfection have been conducted at the office. The hospital will continue to closely monitor the health condition of staff and communicate with the Centre for Health Protection on the latest progress.