

Princess Margaret Hospital announces a nurse tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) made an announcement today (November 27) regarding a nurse tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19:

A female nurse of the Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine Department yesterday (November 26) learnt that a person she had been in contact in the community was confirmed COVID-19. She was classified as a close contact and required to quarantine. She informed the hospital immediately. COVID-19 deep throat saliva test was immediately arranged for her and the test result was preliminarily positive. The nurse is asymptomatic and currently in stable condition.

The nurse concerned performed general clinical nursing care duties in the Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine ward and was equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment during her work. She did not come into contact with any COVID-19 patients over the past 28 days in the hospital and was not required to perform high-risk medical procedures for patients. As a precautionary measure, admission, discharge of patients as well as visiting arrangement based on compassionate ground of the concerned ward has been suspended.

The hospital's infection control team initiated contact tracing. So far, four infant patients in the ward have been classified as close contacts and have been transferred to the isolation ward for treatment. Their COVID-19 tests are preliminarily negative. In addition, a colleague who had meals together with the nurse is classified as a close contact and is required to quarantine for 14 days. The hospital is conducting COVID-19 tests for another 20 patients of the concerned ward. The hospital will follow up with the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) and will arrange 28-day medical surveillance for patients and staff in the ward.

The hospital has arranged thorough cleansing and disinfection for the ward concerned, staff pantry and changing room. PMH will continue to closely monitor the health of our staff and patients and communicate with the CHP about the latest situation.