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

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) made an announcement today (January 21) regarding a nurse tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19:

A nurse of the Medicine & Geriatrics Department was classified as a close contact of the person who was infected by COVID-19 in the community. She was required to quarantine since January 17. The nurse has had onset of headache on January 18 and underwent the COVID-19 test on January 20. Her test result was preliminarily positive on that day.

The last working date of the nurse was January 16. She was equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment at work. She did not come into contact with any COVID-19 patients over the past 14 days in the hospital and was not required to perform any high-risk medical procedures for patients. Therefore, no patient was identified as close contact.

The hospital infection control team conducted contact tracing. A nurse who had meals with the nurse with preliminary positive result is classified as close contact and is required to quarantine for 14 days.

The hospital has arranged thorough cleaning and disinfection for the workplace concerned, staff changing room and common areas. PMH will continue to closely monitor the health of related staff and patients and communicate with the Centre for Health Protection on the latest situation.