

Princess Margaret Hospital staff member tests preliminarily positive for COVID-19

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesman for Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) made the following announcement today (January 7) regarding a patient care assistant (PCA) who tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19:

A PCA of PMH had the onset of cough, throat discomfort and malaise since January 4. She attended the PMH staff clinic yesterday (January 6) and had a COVID-19 test at the mobile specimen collection station set up in the hospital on the same day. The test result was preliminarily positive. The PCA is currently being treated under an isolation ward in PMH with stable condition.

The PCA concerned works in the out-patient clinic of the Occupational Therapy Department and the Integrated Neurological Rehabilitation Centre. She is mainly responsible for assisting the occupational therapist in providing treatment and sewing of pressure garments. She does not perform any high-risk clinical procedures and is equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment at work.

The hospital's infection control team has conducted contact tracing. Three staff members are classified as close contacts as they had meals together separately with the PCA concerned and are required to quarantine for 14 days.

Thorough cleaning and disinfection of her workplace has been arranged. PMH will continue to communicate with the Centre for Health Protection on the latest situation.