

Public hospital daily update on Wuhan-related cases

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at noon today (January 15), public hospitals had reported to the Department of Health (DH) the admission of four patients in the past 24 hours who have been to Wuhan in the past 14 days and presented with fever, respiratory infection or pneumonia symptoms.

Specimens of the patients concerned have been sent to the DH for testing. Currently, there are seven patients still under isolation and in stable condition. There are currently no patients being confirmed for infection of novel coronavirus.

| | Hospital | Age | Gender |
|----|---------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| 1. | Queen Mary Hospital | 35 | F |
| 2. | Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital | 13 | M |
| 3. | North District Hospital | 68 | F |
| 4. | Queen Elizabeth Hospital | 2 | M |

Meanwhile, the Hospital Authority (HA) Central Committee on Infectious Disease and Emergency Responses held an ad hoc meeting yesterday to discuss the latest progress of the cluster of novel coronavirus cases in Wuhan. At the same time, in order to have early identification of severe community-acquired pneumonia associated with novel coronavirus, laboratory testing would also be offered for pneumonia cases fulfilling the below criteria irrespective of their travel history since Monday (January 13) to enhance laboratory surveillance:

- with unknown causes while not responding to treatment in three days; or
- requiring ICU care; or
- occurring in clusters; or
- who is healthcare worker.

The HA will maintain close contact with the Centre for Health Protection to monitor the latest developments and to timely inform the public and healthcare workers of the latest information.