

Public hospital daily update on Wuhan-related cases

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at noon today (January 20), public hospitals had reported to the Department of Health (DH) the admission of seven patients (two male and five female, aged 1 to 67) in the past 24 hours who met the reporting criteria.

Specimens of the patients concerned have been sent to the DH for testing. Currently, there are 20 patients still under isolation, 18 patients are in stable condition, while two patients in North District Hospital are in critical condition and serious condition respectively due to their underlying diseases.

There are currently no patients confirmed as being infected with novel coronavirus in public hospitals.

The spokesperson for the Hospital Authority (HA) reminded that restricted visiting arrangements are now imposed in all public hospitals. "Members of the public are advised to avoid visiting patients in wards if they have a fever, or have had close contact with patients with respiratory symptoms in countries/areas with possible transmissions of novel coronavirus infection."

Visitors of public hospitals are also required to wear masks in all clinical areas and to wash hands before and after visiting hospitals.

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