

## Public hospitals daily update on COVID-19 cases

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at 0.00am today (May 22), a total of 512 patients who tested positive for COVID-19 are currently hospitalised for treatment, including 37 new patients. Among the patients staying in isolation facilities, 90 patients are in isolation wards, 20 patients are in second-tier isolation wards and 44 patients are in the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre, of which 16 in total are new patients. The rest of the confirmed patients are hospitalised or readmitted due to other medical reasons. Those patients have recovered and are non-infectious, and therefore do not need to be treated in isolation facilities. Among the hospitalised patients, nine of them are in critical condition and nine are in serious condition, of which three critical patients are receiving intensive care. There were 56 patients who have recovered, including 47 patients who have been discharged. In addition, no confirmed patient passed away in public hospitals yesterday.

In the fifth wave of the epidemic, there are 49 818 patients who have recovered so far, including 49 519 patients who have been discharged. And since early 2020, there are 62 198 patients who have recovered, including 61 899 patients who have been discharged.

The Hospital Authority 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.