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The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at 0.00am today (November 1), a total of 1 959 patients who tested positive for COVID-19 are currently hospitalised for treatment, including 208 new patients. Currently, there are 175 patients requiring oxygen therapy and 11 patients requiring ventilator support. Among the patients staying in isolation facilities, 399 patients are in isolation wards, 115 patients are in second-tier isolation wards and 463 patients are in the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre, of which 132 in total are new patients. There are 10 newly reported critical patients and four newly reported serious patients. There are a total of 34 patients in critical condition and 37 are in serious condition, of which 12 critical patients are receiving intensive care. Moreover, there are 225 patients who have recovered, including 194 patients who have been discharged. In addition, 13 patients who passed away in public hospitals were reported.

In the fifth wave of the epidemic, there are 79 659 patients who have recovered so far, including 79 303 patients who have been discharged. And since early 2020, there are 92 039 patients who have recovered, including 91 683 patients who have been discharged.

In addition, three patients in a male forensic ward of Castle Peak Hospital have tested positive for COVID-19 since October 30. An investigation found five more patients that have tested positive for COVID-19 without symptoms. All patients are being treated in isolation and are in stable condition. Admission and visiting arrangements for the ward concerned have been suspended. Thorough cleaning and disinfection operations have been conducted in the areas concerned, while infection control measures have been enhanced.

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.