

Public hospitals daily update on COVID-19 cases

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at yesterday (December 19), a total of 4 143 patients who tested positive for COVID-19 are hospitalised for treatment. Among the hospitalised confirmed patients, 558 were new patients, 2 823 required isolation, 521 required oxygen therapy and 63 required ventilator support. There were 18 newly reported critical patients and 21 newly reported serious patients. There were a total of 132 patients in critical condition and 136 in serious condition, of which 37 critical patients are receiving intensive care. Moreover, there were 501 patients who have recovered, including 407 patients who have been discharged. In addition, 33 patients who passed away in public hospitals were reported.

The overall occupancy of medical beds in acute hospitals is around 113 per cent.

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.