

PYNEH announces case of confirmed COVID-19 patient visiting hospital canteen

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital (PYNEH) made the following announcement today (March 23):

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) informed the hospital today that a 32-year-old male patient was confirmed positive with COVID-19. The patient came to the Accident and Emergency Department of PYNEH in the afternoon of March 21 to return a deep throat saliva specimen. He then visited the hospital canteen for a meal and had a brief stay at the dining area for 20 minutes.

Upon receipt of such notification from the CHP, the hospital has immediately arranged for cleansing and disinfection of the hospital canteen. All hospital staff have been informed of the arrangement. PYNEH will maintain close communication with the canteen services vendor and monitor the health condition of canteen staff.

The hospital appealed to members of the public to avoid dining out if they have a travel history, fever and upper respiratory symptoms.