

# Queen Elizabeth Hospital announces a Temporary Undergraduate Nursing Student tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesman for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH) made the following announcement today (December 25) regarding a Temporary Undergraduate Nursing Student (TUNS) tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19:

A female TUNS of the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology had presence of throat discomfort on December 22. She later developed cough and chills on December 24. A COVID-19 test was arranged and she was preliminarily tested positive. She is now hospitalised under isolation treatment with stable condition.

The hospital conducted contact tracing immediately. The TUNS concerned did not come into contact with any COVID-19 patients over the past 14 days. She only performed general basic nursing care duties and did not perform any high-risk clinical procedures in the ward. She was equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment at work. No patient was hence identified as close contacts. Three staff members having meals with the TUNS were identified as close contacts and will be arranged to quarantine.

Besides, the TUNS also had meal with another nursing student earlier. The nursing student, who is a TUNS at Tai Po Hospital, was also identified as close contact and required quarantine.

Admission arrangement of the ward concerned has been suspended. The hospital has completed thorough cleansing and disinfection of the concerned ward. The hospital has also arranged staff and patients as needed for COVID-19 test, and the test results are all negative. The hospital would continue to closely monitor the health condition of the staff members and patients and communicate with the Centre for Health Protection on the latest progress.