

Queen Mary Hospital announces a staff member tested positive for COVID-19

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesman for the Queen Mary Hospital (QMH) made the following announcement today (February 27) regarding an operation assistant who has tested positive for COVID-19:

An operation assistant of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology was arranged to quarantine on February 23 as her household member was tested positive for COVID-19. She developed low grade fever two days later and underwent a COVID-19 test on the same day. The test result available today was positive. She has been admitted to the Community Treatment Facility.

Upon learning that the staff would be quarantined, hospital infection control team conducted contact tracing. It was noted that her last duty day was February 22. The staff member was arranged for COVID-19 test at the time and the result was negative. The staff is mainly responsible for transportation of document and environmental cleansing. She had no contact with patients and had been wearing surgical masks during work. No patient and staff was identified as a close contact. The hospital will arrange COVID-19 tests for six staff members in the same office.

Thorough cleansing and disinfection have been conducted at the office. The hospital will continue to closely monitor the health condition of staff and communicate with the Centre for Health Protection on the latest progress.