

TMH announces a nurse tested preliminarily positive to COVID-19

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Tuen Mun Hospital (TMH) announced today (August 8) that a nurse was tested preliminarily positive to COVID-19:

A female nurse of Accident and Emergency (A&E) Department at TMH has minor throat discomfort since August 4. She presented with low grade fever during her shift this morning in the observation ward of A&E. COVID-19 test was arranged and the test result was preliminarily positive. The nurse is currently receiving isolation treatment in TMH with stable condition.

TMH reported the case to the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) upon the preliminary test result of the nurse and launched epidemiological tracing. There are five nurses and one patient care assistant who had meals together with the nurse being preliminarily classified as close contacts and need to be quarantined for 14 days. Another three nurses had been listed as other contacts and subject to 28-day medical surveillance. No patient has been classified as close contact to the nurse concerned. TMH had already arranged thorough cleansing and disinfection for A&E, pantry and toilets used by the nurse. A&E services remain normal.

The nurse concerned was required to work in various posts in the A&E and she wore appropriate personal protective equipment at work. As a precautionary measure, the TMH is carefully reviewing the work schedule of the nurse. Initial investigation indicates that she has not been in contact with COVID-19 patient over the past one week during work. TMH will continue to review her work schedule in detail and to follow up the case with the CHP.