

Tuen Mun Hospital announces a preliminarily tested positive paediatric patient leaving cubicle unsupervised incident

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesman for Tuen Mun Hospital (TMH) made the following announcement today (January 7) regarding a preliminarily tested positive paediatric patient leaving the isolation cubicle unsupervised:

A 4-year-old girl, isolated in Penny's Bay Quarantine Centre, was sent to the Accident and Emergency Department (AED) of TMH by ambulance for running nose on January 5 evening. The girl was then transferred to a paediatric ward for treatment under isolation. She tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19 today.

The girl was arranged to stay on a child cot with cot side rail up and provided with a call bell to call for assistance from staff.

At around 8pm last night (January 6), the girl walked out of the isolation cubicle and stood in the corridor without wearing a mask. A nurse noticed and assisted her to return to the cubicle immediately.

TMH conducted an investigation and confirmed that a nurse and a patient care assistant only wore N95 respirator and surgical mask respectively without face shields when getting in contact with the girl. The two staff members were identified as close contact and 21-day-quarantine will be arranged after TMH's discussion with the Centre for Health Protection (CHP).

The girl was transferred to the Hospital Authority Infectious Disease Centre located in Princess Margaret Hospital for isolation and treatment this morning with stable condition.

Thorough disinfection has been conducted in the area concerned in TMH. The hospital will continue to closely monitor the health condition of staff members and communicate with the CHP on the latest situation.