

Tuen Mun Hospital announces Health Care Assistant required to be quarantined

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesman for Tuen Mun Hospital made the following announcement today (July 22) regarding a Health Care Assistant required to be quarantined:

On July 19, a four-year-old boy was admitted to the Paediatrics & Adolescent Ward for isolation treatment from quarantine centre due to fever and he was tested negative to COVID-19 on the same day. The patient vomited in the ward the next day (July 20). The vomitus splashed onto a health care assistant's hand and she was not wearing gloves at the time. The patient was then retested and the test result was preliminary positive.

Tuen Mun Hospital performed contact tracing of staff that had contacted the patient according to infection control guideline. The staff who was splashed by the vomitus was identified as a close contact and will be quarantined at the quarantine centre. In addition, a total of nine staff members, including two doctors, five nurses and two operation assistants had contacted the patient and they were all wearing appropriate protective personal equipment. However, as a precautionary measure, they need to undergo medical surveillance for 28 days.