

Tuen Mun Hospital announces patient tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Tuen Mun Hospital (TMH) made the following announcement today (April 7) regarding a patient who tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19:

A 70-year-old female patient was admitted to the Accident and Emergency Department of TMH before noon yesterday (April 6) due to a fall. Preliminary assessment indicated that the patient had arrhythmia. She was then transferred to the Medical and Geriatrics Ward for treatment. According to prevailing procedures, an admission screening test for COVID-19 was arranged for the patient. Her specimen tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19. The patient was immediately transferred to an isolation ward for further treatment and is in stable condition.

The hospital conducted contact tracing in accordance with the prevailing infection control guidelines. Seven female patients who had stayed in the same cubicle with the patient were classified as close contacts and are required to be quarantined for 14 days. One of the female patients, aged 87, succumbed this morning due to her underlying disease. The hospital had arranged viral tests for all seven patients and all the results were negative.

All staff members working in the ward concerned were equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment in accordance with infection control guidelines. No aerosol generating procedures had been performed during that period. The patient was wearing a mask all along. Therefore, none of the staff members is classified as a close contact.

The hospital has conducted thorough cleaning and disinfection of the areas concerned. TMH will continue to closely monitor the health of the patients and communicate with the Centre for Health Protection on the latest situation.