

Tuen Mun Hospital announces staff member tests preliminarily positive for COVID-19

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority.

The spokesman for Tuen Mun Hospital (TMH) made the following announcement today (December 31) regarding a patient care assistant (PCA) who tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19:

A PCA of TMH attended the TMH Accident and Emergency Department (AED) yesterday (December 30). A COVID-19 test was arranged and the preliminary result was positive. She is currently hospitalised in a TMH isolation ward with stable condition.

The PCA concerned had worked in an isolation ward since late November and was equipped with appropriate personal protection equipment. She was deployed back to the Medicine and Geriatrics (M&G) ward since December 29, responsible for patient feeding and cleaning.

The hospital's infection control team is working with the Centre for Health Protection on contact tracing. Six M&G patients who were fed by the PCA concerned are classified as close contacts and are required to quarantine for 14 days. A nurse and three PCAs are classified as close contacts due to having a meal together with the PCA concerned or not wearing a face shield when cleaning a washroom.

A thorough cleaning and disinfection have been arranged and patient admission in the M&G ward concerned is now suspended. As a precautionary measure, COVID-19 tests will be arranged for staff members and around 40 in-patients of the ward concerned. TMH will continue to communicate with the Centre for Health Protection on the latest situation.