United Christian Hospital announces a nurse tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

United Christian Hospital (UCH) made the following announcement today (December 25) regarding a nurse tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19:

A female nurse of a surgical ward at UCH was tested preliminarily positive for COVID 19 yesterday (December 24). The nurse was asymptomatic. She underwent viral test yesterday as her neighbours were confirmed with COVID-19 infection. She was tested preliminarily positive and is currently hospitalised under isolation in the hospital with stable condition.

The hospital's infection control team conducted contact tracing. As the concerned nurse was equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment during work and did not perform any high-risk medical procedures, no patient is classified as close contacts so far.

Four healthcare workers who had snacks together with the nurse are classified as close contacts and are required quarantine for 14 days. The hospital has conducted viral tests for them, and the test results are negative.

The hospital has arranged thorough cleansing and disinfection for the ward concerned. UCH will continue to closely monitor the health of the staff and patients and communicate with the CHP about the latest situation.