

# United Christian Hospital announces patient confirmed positive to COVID-19

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for United Christian Hospital (UCH) made the following announcement today (December 6) regarding an inpatient confirmed positive to COVID-19:

A 75-year-old male patient attended UCH Accident and Emergency Department (AED) last Friday night around 11pm (December 4) due to fever and cough, he was admitted to Medical at Night – Emergency Ward and was transferred to Medicine and Geriatrics Ward on Saturday morning. The hospital arranged COVID-19 test for him and the test result was positive. The patient was transferred to isolation ward immediately and he is currently in stable condition.

The hospital's infection control team conducted contact tracing and identified a total of nine other patients who had either stayed in the same cubicle of the Medical at Night – Emergency Ward or Medicine and Geriatrics Ward with the confirmed patient. They are classified as close contacts and will be quarantined for 14 days. The hospital has arranged viral tests for these patients and all results are negative. Four other patients who had stayed in Medical at Night – Emergency Ward are classified as other contacts and will have to undergo 28 days of medical surveillance.

All staff members working in the concerned ward were equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment in accordance with infection control guidelines and no aerosol generating procedures had been performed during that period. Therefore, none of the staff members is being classified as close contacts up till now, while contact tracing is still underway.

The hospital has arranged thorough cleansing and disinfection of the areas in AED and wards concerned. The hospital would continue to closely monitor the health of our staff and patients and communicate with the Centre for Health Protection about the latest situation.