

Updates on four staff members confirmed with COVID-19 in Princess Margaret Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson of Princess Margaret Hospital made the following updates today (July 30) regarding four staff members confirmed with COVID-19:

Three Patient Care Assistants working in the Medicine and Geriatrics ward at Lai King Building and one Patient Care Assistant working at an out-patient clinic of the Oncology Department will receive treatment in isolation and are in stable condition.

Contact tracing has been continually conducted by the Infection Control Team, and a total of 21 staff members have been identified as close contacts that will be required to be quarantined. Twenty staff members from related departments have been tested for the virus by the hospital, with negative results. No patient at the working places of the four staff members concerned has been identified as a close contact. However, as a precautionary measure, the hospital has offered the testing service to patients in the wards concerned with all the results being negative. The hospital has reported the above results to the Centre for Health Protection (CHP).

Admissions and discharges at the relevant wards in Lai King Building will continue to be suspended, while thorough cleaning and disinfection have been carried out at relevant wards and the out-patient clinic of the Oncology Department. The staff quarters concerned have been thoroughly disinfected and will be suspended from service for now.

The hospital will continue to provide assistance to staff members of the departments concerned and will closely monitor health condition of staff members and patients concerned while maintaining close liaison with the CHP.