

# YCH announces a preliminary positive case of COVID-19

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Yan Chai Hospital today (August 8) made the following announcement concerning a preliminarily positive case of COVID-19 infection:

A 44-year-old male patient was admitted through Accident and Emergency Department to the surveillance ward on August 6 due to pneumonia and diarrhea. His test result for COVID-19 was negative and he was transferred to general medical ward for further management.

As the patient's symptoms persisted, he was transferred to a negative pressure room for another COVID-19 test on August 7 and the test result was positive. The patient was transferred to the isolation ward for treatment and is now in stable condition.

The hospital's infection control team conducted contact tracing according to prevailing guidelines. Eleven patients who had stayed in the same cubicle of the general medical ward with the confirmed case were classified as close contact. Seven patients have been isolated for quarantine, and the hospital had informed the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) for the follow up of the remaining four discharged patients.

The patient had diarrhea when the first test result was negative in the general ward. Three supporting staff who handled the patient's excrement, contaminated linen and environment only equipped with surgical masks and gloves. After risk assessment, they were classified as close contacts. Moreover, one patient and 10 healthcare workers were classified as other contacts and the hospital had arranged medical surveillance for the above-mentioned.

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