

Tseung Kwan O Hospital announces a case tested positive for COVID-19

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Tseung Kwan O Hospital (TKOH) today (August 7) made the following announcement concerning a case tested positive for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19):

A 62-year-old female patient with chronic disease attended the Accident & Emergency Department of TKOH on August 6 due to fever and loose stool. The patient had no recent travel history, contact history of COVID-19 confirmed cases or known clustering. The provisional diagnosis was gastroenteritis after consultation. The patient was admitted to Emergency Medicine Ward (EMW) at 2.33am the next day (August 7). In view of her fever symptom, deep throat saliva test was arranged. The patient was immediately transferred to the isolation ward upon the preliminarily positive test result was noted.

The hospital's infection control team immediately conducted contact tracing and confirmed that five patients had stayed in the same cubicle of EMW with the case confirmed with COVID-19 and were therefore classified as close contacts. Three patients who need hospitalization have been isolated for quarantine. The other two patients who were fitted for discharge will be transferred to the quarantine centre. These five patients were tested negative for COVID-19. All of the concerned patients had worn surgical masks and all healthcare workers were equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment in accordance with the infection control guidelines during that period. No aerosol generating procedures had been performed during that period. As a precautionary measure, although no staff member had been classified as close contact, the hospital had arranged medical surveillance for all staff concerned. The hospital would continue to closely monitor the health conditions of the patients and also maintain communication with the Centre for Health Protection to follow up on the latest situation.

The hospital had arranged thorough cleansing and disinfection of the ward concerned and reminded all patients to wear masks and ensure hand hygiene at all times following the instructions of healthcare workers.

PWH announces passing away of COVID-19 patient

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for the Prince of Wales Hospital (PWH) today (August 7) announced that an 86-year-old female patient confirmed with COVID-19 (case number: 2789) passed away tonight.

The patient with chronic disease was admitted on July 27 due to chest infection and rectal bleeding. The patient had been deteriorating subsequently and she eventually succumbed at 8.27pm today.

The Hospital was saddened about the passing away of the patient and would offer necessary assistance to her family members.

Including the above case, 47 COVID-19 patients have passed away in public hospitals so far.

Fatal traffic accident in Hung Hom

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Hung Hom this afternoon (August 7) in which a 78-year-old woman died.

At about 3.17pm, a light goods vehicle (LGV) driven by a 39-year-old man was travelling along Lok Shan Road. When approaching near the junction of Lok Shan Road and Cheung Ning Street, it reportedly knocked down the 78-year-old female pedestrian who was crossing the road.

Sustaining multiple injuries, the woman was rushed to Queen Elizabeth Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 4.21pm.

The LGV driver was arrested for dangerous driving causing death and is being detained for further enquiries.

Active investigation by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, Kowloon West is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers at 3661 9062 or 3661 9000.

HKSAR Government responds to statement by US Consulate General HK & Macau

In response to a statement issued today (August 7) by the US Consulate

General Hong Kong and Macau, which incorrectly and inappropriately commented that the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (National Security Law) would affect the freedom of speech of Hong Kong residents, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) strongly deplored and opposed the statement.

A Government spokesman said: "Safeguarding national security through legislation is in line with international practice. Every country has laws and a duty to safeguard its national security and sovereignty.

"The National Security Law only targets four types of acts and activities that endanger national security. The vast majority of Hong Kong residents who are law-abiding, including overseas investors, are entirely not affected.

"The US has at least 20 such laws safeguarding national security and sovereignty, including the National Security Act, Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA Patriot) Act, Logan Act, Homeland Security Act, Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act, Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, Foreign Agents Registration Act, Foreign Missions Act, Alien Registration Act and Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act, etc.

"The US's inappropriate comments on the National Security Law smacks of political manipulation and double standards. It is a gross interference in China's internal affairs and a grave violation of basic norms governing international relations. The HKSAR Government strongly opposes the comments."

The Government spokesman pointed out that the National Security Law was enacted to ensure the resolute, full and faithful implementation of "One Country, Two Systems", "Hong Kong people administering Hong Kong" and a high degree of autonomy. The capitalist system, high degree of autonomy and legal system of the HKSAR will not be affected. The executive, legislative, independent judicial power, including that of final adjudication, will also remain unaffected.

"The National Security Law clearly stipulates that the HKSAR shall protect the rights and freedoms enjoyed by residents under the Basic Law (BL) and the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights as applied to Hong Kong in accordance with the law," the spokesman said.

"The National Security Law does not affect the legitimate rights of Hong Kong residents to exercise freedom of speech, including criticising government policies or policies and decisions made by officials. Neither will freedom of information, academic freedom, policy studies, personal data privacy and general business activities be compromised."

The spokesman stressed: "As a highly international city, Hong Kong has frequent exchanges and close liaison with other countries, regions and

relevant international organisations. Such normal exchanges are protected by the BL and the laws of the HKSAR.

"What the National Security Law regulates is the use of Hong Kong by foreign countries or external elements to carry out activities of secession, subversion, infiltration and sabotage, which is obviously different from normal exchange activities. Given that the National Security Law has provided a clear definition of the offence of collusion with a foreign country or with external elements to endanger national security, the general public will not breach the law inadvertently, and the legitimate rights and freedoms enjoyed by the residents will also not be affected.

"Nevertheless, we will seriously handle, in accordance with the law, such illegal acts where collusion with a foreign country or with external elements to endanger national security are genuinely involved."

[Update on Candida auris cases at Princess Margaret Hospital](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on Candida auris carrier cases, the spokesperson for Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) gave the following update today (August 7):

According to the contact tracing result, three more female patients (aged 46 to 98) are confirmed as Candida auris carriers while not having signs of infection. Three patients are treated under isolation with stable condition. In accordance with the prevailing guidelines, PMH has continued contact tracing for the patients. The following enhanced infection control measures have already been adopted:

1. Thorough cleansing and disinfection of the wards concerned
2. Enhance patient and environmental screening procedures
3. Apply stringent contact precautions and enhance hand hygiene of staff and patients

The hospital will continue to closely monitor the situation of the patients. The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.