## <u>CPH announces a clerical staff tested</u> preliminarily positive to COVID-19

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for the Castle Peak Hospital (CPH) made the following announcement today (August 4) on a clerical staff tested preliminarily positive to COVID-19:

A female clerical staff of shroff counter at CPH sought medical treatment at a staff clinic yesterday (August 3) due to throat discomfort. Her deep throat saliva test result released this afternoon was preliminarily positive to COVID-19 while confirmatory test is still pending. She had been working mainly at shroff counter on G/F of Block D. She had been wearing surgical mask during her duty and her last working date was July 31.

Infection Control Team (ICT) of CPH is working closely with the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) for investigation upon the preliminary test result this afternoon. On site assessment by ICT noted that there are partitions between staff members and the public for each shroff counter. There is no direct contact between staff members and the public.

CPH will suspend the service of the shroff concerned on G/F of Block D tomorrow (August 5). During the suspension period, patients can approach the shroff on G/F of Block C for enquiries and necessary follow up. CPH will conduct thorough cleansing and disinfection of the shroff tonight and tomorrow. The hospital will continue to provide assistance to staff members of the department and will closely monitor health condition of staff members concerned while maintaining close liaison with the CHP.