[HA staff tested negative for novel coronavirus infection](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

In response to media enquiries, the Hospital Authority (HA) spokesperson replies today (February 18) as follows:

A patient with confirmed novel coronavirus infection visited the Hospital Authority Building on February 7. An employee who attended the meeting had sore throat and was sent to the hospital for testing last night. His laboratory test result was negative to novel coronavirus. No other HA staff participating in the meeting have reported discomfort.

The HA will continue to cooperate with the Centre for Health Protection's follow-up contact tracing investigation.