Kowloon Central Cluster announces an out-patient tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Kowloon Central Cluster (KCC) made the following announcement today (February 2) regarding an out-patient who tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19:

A 43-year-old female out-patient attended the General Out Patient Clinic (GOPC) of Shun Tak Fraternal Association Leung Kau Kui Clinic (STFA LKKC) on January 31 due to throat swelling and pain. Doctor has arranged the deep throat saliva test for the patient. She submitted her deep throat saliva specimen yesterday (February 1) and tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19.

The consultation room was installed with a transparent droplet preventive screen to maintain separation between doctor and patient. Throat examination was performed by the doctor during consultation without involving other high risk medical procedures. The doctor concerned did not wear appropriate eye protection during the throat examination. As a precautionary consideration, he was classified as a close contact that required to be quarantined.

The KCC's infection control team has conducted contact tracing, the patient was properly masked while waiting for her consultation in the clinic. The doctor concerned last went to work on January 31, and no other clinical duty and contact with patient afterwards.

Thorough cleaning and disinfection in the consultation room and GOPC in the STFA LKKC have been arranged. The KCC will continue to communicate with the Centre for Health Protection on the latest situation.