

# Public hospitals daily update on COVID-19 cases

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at 0.00am today (May 18), a total of 641 patients who tested positive for COVID-19 are currently hospitalised for treatment, including 70 new patients. Among the patients staying in isolation facilities, 109 patients are in isolation wards, of which 18 are new patients. Twenty-one patients are in second-tier isolation wards and 50 patients are in the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre. The rest of the confirmed patients are hospitalised or readmitted due to other medical reasons. Those patients have recovered and are non-infectious, and therefore do not need to be treated in isolation facilities. Among the hospitalised patients, 11 of them are in critical condition and 13 are in serious condition, of which three critical patients are receiving intensive care. There were 107 patients who have recovered, including 82 patients who have been discharged. In addition, four patients who passed away in public hospitals were reported.

In the fifth wave of the epidemic, there are 49 529 patients who have recovered so far, including 49 110 patients who have been discharged. And since early 2020, there are 61 909 patients who have recovered, including 61 490 patients who have been discharged.

The Hospital Authority will maintain close contact with the Centre for Health Protection to monitor the latest developments and to inform the public and healthcare workers on the latest information in a timely manner.