

# Public hospitals daily update on COVID-19 cases

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at 0.00am today (August 18), a total of 1 886 patients who tested positive for COVID-19 are currently hospitalised for treatment, including 265 new patients. Among the patients staying in isolation facilities, 506 patients are in isolation wards, 146 patients are in second-tier isolation wards and 609 patients are in the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre, of which 212 in total are new patients. There are seven newly reported critical patients and two newly reported serious patients. There are a total of 34 patients in critical condition and 22 are in serious condition, of which nine critical patients are receiving intensive care. Moreover, there are 248 patients who have recovered, including 206 patients who have been discharged. In addition, five patients who passed away in public hospitals were reported.

In the fifth wave of the epidemic, there are 59 063 patients who have recovered so far, including 58 764 patients who have been discharged. And since early 2020, there are 71 443 patients who have recovered, including 71 144 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.