

# Public hospitals daily update on COVID-19 cases

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at 0.00am today (December 1), a total of 2 776 patients who tested positive for COVID-19 are currently hospitalised for treatment, including 373 new patients. Currently, there are 282 patients requiring oxygen therapy and 14 patients requiring ventilator support. Among the patients staying in isolation facilities, 628 patients are in isolation wards, 211 patients are in second-tier isolation wards and 590 patients are in the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre, of which 254 in total are new patients. There are 13 newly reported critical patients and 14 newly reported serious patients. There are a total of 54 patients in critical condition and 72 are in serious condition, of which 18 critical patients are receiving intensive care. Moreover, there are 325 patients who have recovered, including 268 patients who have been discharged. In addition, 15 patients who passed away in public hospitals were reported.

The Hospital Authority (HA) has reviewed the preliminary statistics of the past week (November 23 to 29). Among the COVID-19 patients admitted through Accident and Emergency Departments, around 63 per cent were admitted due to COVID-19 infection, while around 37 per cent were admitted due to other medical reasons. For the deceased COVID-19 patients, around 73 per cent potentially died of COVID-19, while around 27 per cent died from other illnesses. The HA will keep analysing the statistics concerned so as to provide appropriate services in accordance with the situation and patient needs.

In the fifth wave of the epidemic, there are 87 476 patients who have recovered so far, including 87 052 patients who have been discharged. And since early 2020, there are 99 856 patients who have recovered, including 99 432 patients who have been discharged.

In addition, three patients in a Department of Rehabilitation and Extended Care ward of TWGHs Wong Tai Sin Hospital have tested positive for COVID-19 since November 29. All patients are symptomatic and are being treated in isolation. They are in stable condition. Admission and visiting arrangements for the cubicles concerned have been suspended. Thorough cleaning and disinfection operations have been conducted in the areas concerned, while infection control measures have been enhanced.

The HA 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.