

Public hospitals daily update on COVID-19 cases

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at 9am today (January 29), 63 COVID-19 confirmed patients were discharged from hospital in the last 24 hours. Including a patient (case number: 10231) discharged on January 26, a total of 9 302 patients with confirmed or probable infection have been discharged.

At present, there are 672 negative pressure rooms in public hospitals with 1 220 negative pressure beds activated. A total of 811 confirmed patients are currently hospitalised in 22 public hospitals and a community treatment facility, among which 30 patients are in critical condition, 34 are in serious condition and the remaining 747 patients are in stable condition.

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.

Details of the above-mentioned patients are as follows:

Patient condition	Case numbers
Discharged	8085, 9063, 9078, 9141, 9240, 9329, 9331, 9387, 9393, 9405, 9427, 9437, 9444, 9449, 9456, 9461, 9465, 9487, 9500, 9506, 9523, 9540, 9576, 9577, 9578, 9580, 9585, 9587, 9591, 9599, 9616, 9623, 9626, 9627, 9628, 9667, 9676, 9697, 9709, 9715, 9736, 9747, 9791, 9796, 9857, 9859, 9862, 9894, 9904, 9961, 9994, 10008, 10010, 10031, 10045, 10053, 10058, 10093, 10149, 10187, 10229, 10294, 10296
Critical	1989, 3496, 5409, 5511, 5735, 6125, 6444, 6547, 6607, 6754, 6794, 6913, 7021, 8018, 8078, 8126, 8221, 8323, 8384, 8900, 9049, 9062, 9135, 9267, 9438, 9778, 9852, 9907, 9959, 10023
Serious	5990, 6232, 6386, 6824, 7076, 7305, 7468, 7653, 8443, 8832, 9030, 9040, 9045, 9055, 9066, 9166, 9284, 9502, 9525, 9550, 9612, 9662, 9694, 9733, 9734, 9766, 9793, 9858, 9867, 9905, 9998, 10001, 10134, 10141

CFS urges public not to consume sesame

oil from Italy with possible presence of ethylene oxide

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department today (January 29) urged the public not to consume a kind of sesame oil imported from Italy because the product concerned was found with a pesticide, ethylene oxide, which is not authorised by the European Union (EU). The trade should stop using or selling the product concerned immediately if they possess it.

â€‹Details of the product are as follows:

Product name: Organic sesame seed oil
Brand: Crudigno
Place of origin: Italy
Net weight: 250 millilitres per bottle
Importer: YES NATURAL INTERNATIONAL LTD
Best-before date: August 27, 2021

A spokesman for the CFS said, "The CFS received a notification from the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) of the European Commission that the above-mentioned product was found with a substance, ethylene oxide, not authorised by the EU and is being recalled. According to the information provided by the RASFF, the affected product has been imported into Hong Kong. Upon learning of the incident, the CFS immediately contacted the local importer concerned for follow-up."

A preliminary investigation found that the importer YES NATURAL INTERNATIONAL LTD had imported some of the affected product into Hong Kong. Since ethylene oxide is not authorised by the EU, for the sake of prudence, the importer has removed the product from shelves, has stopped the sale of the affected product upon the CFS' advice and has initiated a recall. Enquiries about the recall can be made to the hotline of the importer at 2786 0727 during office hours.

The spokesman urged consumers not to consume the affected product if they have bought any. The trade should also stop using or selling the product concerned immediately if they possess it.

â€‹The CFS will alert the trade to the incident, continue to follow up and take appropriate action. An investigation is ongoing.

Queen Mary Hospital announces incident of water seepage through ceiling

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesman of Queen Mary Hospital (QMH) made the following announcement today (January 29) regarding an incident of water seepage through a ceiling:

At around 9.30am yesterday (January 28), water seepage was found at the ceiling of a cardiothoracic surgical (CTS) ward of the QMH Main Block. Right above that ward is an isolation ward housing COVID-19 confirmed patients.

Inspection revealed that there was drainage leakage at the isolation ward and the water seeped through the ceiling of the CTS ward, causing water droplets to drip on the head and right hand of a male patient. He also suspected that water had drizzled into the eyes. The water droplets also dripped on the face and head of a nurse inside the CTS ward, and the face of a cleaning staff member with a full set of personal protective equipment handling water seepage at the isolation ward.

The hospital's infection control team visited the ward concerned afterwards for investigation and to find out the cause of incident and the patient's condition. While the male patient the water dripped on required hospitalisation for treatment, he has been transferred to an isolation ward for further treatment as a precautionary measure. Medical surveillance has been arranged for the nurse and the cleaning staff member involved. The nurse is currently on leave. The hospital arranged for the three of them to undergo COVID-19 tests and the test results were negative.

Part of the CTS ward is currently closed for thorough disinfection. Urgent repairs to the CTS ward with examination on water leakage have been conducted. Twelve patients in the CTS ward were transferred to other areas of the ward and two operations originally scheduled for today have been postponed. The hospital has contacted the affected patients to explain and reschedule the operations. Meanwhile, there was no interruption to isolation service throughout this period. Comprehensive repairs and improvement works for the related drainage pipes have been arranged and will be completed in one to two weeks.

QMH apologises to the affected patients. The incident has been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office through the Advance Incident Reporting System.

Advance release calendar for monthly financial results

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region releases a monthly summary of its financial results and debts in compliance with the International Monetary Fund's Special Data Dissemination Standard.

The timetable for the release of the monthly data for the 2021-22 financial year is as follows:

Month	Release Date
April 2021	May 31, 2021
May 2021	June 30, 2021
June 2021	July 30, 2021
July 2021	August 31, 2021
August 2021	September 30, 2021
September 2021	October 29, 2021
October 2021	November 30, 2021
November 2021	December 31, 2021
December 2021	January 31, 2022
January 2022	February 28, 2022
February 2022	March 31, 2022
March 2022 (provisional)	April 29, 2022

In addition to press releases, the summary of financial results and debts will also be published on the Treasury's website (www.try.gov.hk).

Appeal for information on missing girl in Wong Tai Sin (with photo)

Police today (January 29) appealed to the public for information on a girl who went missing in Wong Tai Sin.

Tong Xiangyin, aged 14, went missing after she left her residence on Tsz Wan Shan Road in the small hours on December 17, 2020. Her family made a report to Police on the same day.

She is about 1.6 metres tall, 45 kilograms in weight and of medium build. She has a long face with yellow complexion and long blond hair.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing girl or may have seen her is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of Kowloon East on 3661 0335 or 9886 0060 or email to rmpu-ke-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.

