

United Christian Hospital announces a positive case of COVID-19 infection

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for United Christian Hospital (UCH) made the following announcement concerning a case of COVID-19 infection confirmed today (August 10):

A 62-year-old male patient attended UCH Accident and Emergency Department at around 10.30pm on August 8 due to dizziness, nausea and weakness. The patient was afebrile and his vital signs were stable. As a precautionary measure, the doctor admitted him to observation ward for further assessment and management. At around 7am the next day, the patient developed shortness of breath and desaturation, he was immediately transferred to surveillance ward for further management. Nasopharyngeal swab and sputum tests were arranged, and the results were positive. The preliminarily confirmed patient was immediately transferred to isolation ward for treatment yesterday. He is currently in stable condition.

The hospital's infection control team conducted contact tracing according to prevailing guidelines and identified five other patients who had stayed in the same cubicle of the observation ward with the confirmed patient. They are classified as close contacts and the hospital will follow up with the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) for further arrangements. All staff members working in the concerned ward was equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment in accordance with infection control guidelines. No aerosol generating procedures had been performed during that period. None of the staff members is being classified as close contact.

The hospital has arranged thorough cleansing and disinfection of the ward concerned. The hospital would continue to closely monitor the health of our staff and patients and communicate with the CHP about the latest situation.