

PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT – M3 WARD, MATER DEI HOSPITAL

A patient, who was admitted to hospital in M3 ward suffering from a separate condition unrelated to COVID-19, late this afternoon was diagnosed as asymptomatic COVID-19 positive. The patient had been screened on admission and found to be negative. Due to his history, however, the swab was repeated again today and now resulted positive.

The patient has a connection to the recent party from where 17 cases were already linked.

In line with MDH protocols, an extensive exercise of contact tracing has already commenced. A number of staff members have been instructed to go on quarantine. For precautionary reasons, the ward has been closed for admissions and all patients screened.