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HKSH Health Code for visitors on antigen screening launched

(18 December 2020, Hong Kong) HKSH Medical Group announced today the launch of HKSH Health Code, an on-line platform to facilitate the control and access to hospital premises by registered visitors.

The health and safety of patients, staff members, doctors and visitors of HKSH is of paramount importance to HKSH. Since July 2020, all inpatients require a valid negative COVID-19 test result done within three days prior to the day of admission. Long staying patients are tested at intervals during their stay at the Hospital. In addition, certain outpatient procedures also require a negative COVID-19 test result.

In view of the 4th wave outbreak of COVID-19 at the end of November 2020, the Hospital tightened and strengthened COVID-19 screening requirement with most screening costs borne by the Hospital:-

1. All staff members, doctors, clinical and non-clinical personnel are screened at regular intervals.
2. Inpatient visitor arrangements have been restricted with registered visitors requiring a negative antigen screening and/or COVID-19 RT-PCR test result prior to visiting inpatients. Registered visitors are retested on a regular basis.
3. Testing requirement extended to additional selected outpatient procedures.

As an enhanced feature to facilitate the verification and to streamline the process of monitoring the COVID-19 screening, HKSH has now designed and launched its own on-line platform, HKSH Health Code system. Mr. Wyman LI, Chief Operating Officer of HKSH Medical Group said that all registered visitors and doctors with a negative screening result will receive a green HKSH Health Code and will be granted access to the relevant wards by presenting the green code at the scanning counter.

 "HKSH Health Code is a major step in implementing a mechanism to control access to the Hospital. Only inpatients visitors and doctors with a 'green' HKSH Health Code can enter HKSH. On expiry of the validity of the green health code, the code will no longer be effective until re-tested. The idea is to implement our own access control system to protect HKSH from outside threats." Mr. LI said.

He added that the HKSH Health Code also has a distinct feature to determine the validity of the 'green' health code to ensure HKSH has the complete control of the 'in' and 'out' during the controlled access to the Hospital.

Mr. LI said that the Group will continuously monitor the COVID-19 situation and adjust the screening policies as and when appropriate. The COVID-19 challenge is unprecedented and the HKSH Health Code represents one of the latest initiatives of HKSH in its ongoing fight against the pandemic.

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HKSH Medical Group

Officially launched in September 2017, promotes public health and advanced medicine through a multi-faceted, coordinated approach in clinical services, medical education, scientific research and public health education. Members of the Group, including Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, HKSH Healthcare HKSH Eastern Medical Centre, are dedicated to offering top-quality holistic care to patients, upholding the motto "Quality in Service, Excellence in Care".

Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital

Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital is one of the leading private hospitals in Hong Kong. With the motto "Quality in Service Excellence in Care", the Hospital is committed to serving the public as well as promoting medical education and research.

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1. Visitors with a verified but inactive HKSH Health Code receive COVID-19 antigen screening, and the result will be sent via SMS within 30 minutes.

2. HKSH Health Code will turn green automatically with a negative screening result.

3. Visitors with a green HKSH Health Code be granted access to the relevant wards by presenting the green code at the scanning counter.