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Updates on COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) Local Situation

18 Mar 2020

Clarifications on Misinformation

28 Feb 2020: MOH is aware of a rumour circulating on social media that a foreign domestic worker had passed away from COVID-19 in Singapore. This is not true. She was tested for COVID-19 and found to be negative.

As of 4pm on 28 Feb 2020, there has been no fatality related to COVID-19 in Singapore.

We advise members of the public to not speculate and/or spread unfounded rumours. Please visit www.moh.gov.sg for updates on the COVID-19 situation and click [here](#) for past clarifications.



Case Summary in Singapore (as of 17 Mar 2020, 1200h)

ACTIVE CASES

152	
Hospitalised (Stable)	Hospitalised (Critical)
138	14
Death	Discharged
0	114

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Disease Outbreak Response System Condition (DORSCON)

DORSCON Level	Orange
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The 'Disease Outbreak Response System Condition' (DORSCON) is a colour-coded framework that shows you the current disease situation. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Find a PHPC Near You

Click image on top to find a Public Health Preparedness Clinic (PHPC) near you.

COVID-19 Situation Dashboard



Click image on top for a consolidated view through the COVID-19 situation dashboard.

Health Clearance Application Form (NEW)

Click image on top to submit your health clearance application.

Latest Updates

Date	Title
18 Mar 2020	[Updated] MOH Health Advisory for Persons Issued Stay-Home Notice
17 Mar 2020	Five More Cases Discharged; 23 New Cases of COVID-19 Infection Confirmed
17 Mar 2020	Speech by Mr Lawrence Wong, Minister for National Development, at COVID-19 Press Conference, 17 Mar 2020, 06.00 PM at National Press Centre
17 Mar 2020	Advisory for Singaporean Students Studying Overseas - Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) / Ministry of Education (MOE)
17 Mar 2020	Accommodating Workers Affected by Lockdown in Malaysia - Ministry of Manpower (MOM)
16 Mar 2020	Health Clearance Requirements for Entry to Singapore in view of COVID-19 Situation

Situation

Global	179,112 confirmed (11,526 new)
Western Pacific Region	91,779 confirmed (289 new)
European Region	64,189 confirmed (8,507 new)
South-East Asia	508 confirmed (124 new)
Eastern Mediterranean Region	16,786 confirmed (330 new)
Regions of the Americas	4,910 confirmed (2,234 new)
African Region	228 confirmed (42 new)

WHO Risk Assessment

Global Level Very High

Updated as at 17 Mar 2020

16 Mar 2020	[Updated] Advisory for Employers on Employees' Non-essential Travel in Response to Updated Travel Advisory (COVID-19) - Ministry of Manpower (MOM)
16 Mar 2020	Four More Cases Discharged; Seventeen New Cases of COVID-19 Infection Confirmed
16 Mar 2020	Media Statement on Extension of Temporary Closure of Mosques - Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (MUIS)
16 Mar 2020	Temporary Closure of MY World Preschool Ltd (52 Lengkok Bahru) - Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA)
15 Mar 2020	Considering its Patrons' Safety and Wellbeing, SportSG Enhances Precautionary Measures - Sport Singapore (SportSG)

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Precautions you can take

We urge Singaporeans to remain calm and vigilant. Singaporeans can continue to play their part by being socially responsible and practising good personal hygiene habits (click [here](#) to view Health Advisories). They should wash their hands regularly. Those who are unwell should wear a mask and see a doctor immediately. But there is no need to wear a mask if you are well.

Travel Advisory (Updated 15 Mar 2020)

Please refer to this [press release](#) for more details.

With immediate effect (15 Mar 2020), Singaporeans are advised to defer all non-essential travel abroad. This advisory will apply for 30 days, and will be reviewed thereafter. This is to reduce the risk of Singaporeans contracting COVID-19 infection while overseas during this global pandemic.

Singaporeans who have made plans to travel abroad during the March school holidays are advised to review their plans. All travellers will be subject to the prevailing travel measures imposed by their destination countries, and those imposed by Singapore upon their return home. As the situation remains uncertain and will continue to evolve, Singaporeans are advised to review their travel plans for the coming months after the March school holidays as well.

As Singapore's measures will evolve according to the global situation, Singaporeans should check the MOH website (<https://www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19>) for the latest measures.

Health Advisory

All travellers should monitor their health closely for two weeks upon return to Singapore and seek medical attention promptly if they feel unwell. Travellers should inform their doctor of their travel history. If travellers have a fever or respiratory symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath), they should wear a mask and call the clinic ahead of the visit.

Travellers and members of the public should adopt the following precautions at all times:

- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell or showing symptoms of illness;
- Observe good personal hygiene;
- Practise frequent hand washing with soap (e.g. before handling food or eating, after going to toilet, or when hands are dirtied by respiratory secretions after coughing or sneezing);
- Wear a mask if you have respiratory symptoms such as a cough or runny nose;
- Cover your mouth with a tissue paper when coughing or sneezing, and dispose the soiled tissue paper in the rubbish bin immediately; and
- Seek medical attention promptly if you are feeling unwell.

Precautionary testing for symptomatic travellers

From 13 March 2020,

- Travellers entering Singapore and exhibiting fever and/or other symptoms of respiratory illness are required to undergo a COVID-19 swab test at the checkpoint, regardless of travel history. With immediate effect, all such travellers will also be issued a 14-day SHN[1], which they will have to serve in full even if the result of the swab test is negative. Those who meet the clinical suspect case definition will be conveyed to the hospital for follow-up.
- Short-term visitors who are identified for testing but refuse to do so will not be allowed entry into Singapore. Singapore Permanent Residents and long-term pass holders who refuse testing may have their immigration facilities and work pass privileges revoked or the validity shortened. All travellers, including Singapore Citizens, who do not comply with the testing or who cannot be contacted subsequently may face penalties and can be prosecuted under the Infectious Diseases Act.

[1] Places where foreign visitors serve out their SHN period can include hotels.

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