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

19 Mar 2020

🕒 Clarifications on Misinformation

19 Mar 2020: MOH is aware of a rumour circulating that two men infected with COVID-19 broke Quarantine Order and ran away from a hospital. This is not true. As of 19 March, 5pm, no confirmed COVID-19 cases left any Singapore hospital without proper discharge procedure.

27 Feb 2020: MOH has received feedback from members of the public that they have received phone calls asking them to visit MOH's offices to collect documents. We wish to inform all members of the public that the calls are not made by MOH. We wish to clarify that we will not require anyone to collect documents from MOH's offices if they do not have any existing matter with us.

We urge everyone to verify the authenticity of phone calls claiming to be from MOH by calling our General Hotline at 6325 9220. It is a good practice to always verify the authenticity of instructions before offering any personal information or making payments to anyone.

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.

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Case Summary in Singapore (as of 19 Mar 2020, 1200h)

ACTIVE CASES	
221	
Hospitalised (Stable)	Hospitalised (Critical)
206	15
Death	Discharged
0	124

See [press release](#)

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

COVID-19 Situation Dashboard

Health Clearance Application Form (NEW)



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

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

Latest Updates

Date	Title
19 Mar 2020	Seven More Cases Discharged; 32 New Cases of COVID-19 Infection Confirmed
19 Mar 2020	Advisory to Parents: Keeping Our Children in Preschools Safe Against COVID-19 [14-Day Leave of Absence for Preschool Staff and Children Returning from All Overseas Trips] - Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA)
19 Mar 2020	Schools and Kindergartens to Re-Open with Enhanced Precautionary Measures - Ministry of Education (MOE)
19 Mar 2020	SGX RegCo Provides Guidance on Holding of General Meetings Amid COVID-19 - Singapore Exchange (SGX)

Situation

Global	191,127 confirmed (15,123 new)
Western Pacific Region	91,845 confirmed (312 new)
European Region	74,760 confirmed (10,911 new)
South-East Asia	538 confirmed (63 new)
Eastern Mediterranean Region	18,060 confirmed (1,552 new)
Regions of the Americas	4,979 confirmed (2,243 new)

18 Mar 2020	Remarks by Minister Lawrence Wong, Co-chair of the Multi-Ministry Taskforce on COVID-19, at Press Conference on COVID-19
18 Mar 2020	Three More Cases Discharged; 47 New Cases of COVID-19 Infection Confirmed
18 Mar 2020	Additional Measures for Travellers to Reduce Further Importation of COVID-19 Cases
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

Click [here](#) for past updates.

Travel Advisory (Updated 18 Mar 2020)

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

In view of the heightened risk of further importation of COVID-19 to Singapore, Singaporeans are advised to **defer all travel abroad** with immediate effect.

This supercedes our earlier [advisory](#) announced on 15 March to defer all non-essential travel abroad. The expansion of the travel advisory is to reduce the risk of Singaporeans being infected with the virus when abroad, and spreading it to other Singaporeans when they return.

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

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 other Health Advisories).

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.

Measures which apply to Inbound Travellers

14-day Stay-Home Notice (SHN) for all Travellers (updated as at 18 Mar 2020)

From 20 March 2020, 2359 hours, all Singaporeans, Permanent Residents, Long Term Pass holders and short term visitors entering Singapore will be issued a 14-day Stay-Home Notice (SHN)[1]. They will have to provide proof of the place where they will serve the 14-day SHN, for example a hotel booking covering the entire period, or a place of residence they or their family members own. This is to further reduce the risk of further importation leading to community spread in Singapore.

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

[1] The SHN will not apply to travellers transiting in Singapore without leaving the transit area.

COVID-19 swab test at checkpoint (updated as at 13 Mar 2020)

From 13 Mar 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[2], 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.

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

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

Border Restrictions (updated as at 15 Mar 2020)

Short-term visitors with travel history in the last 14 days to the following countries / regions are not allowed entry into Singapore; or transit through Singapore:

- France, Germany, Italy, Spain (with effect from 15 Mar 2020, 2359h)
- Iran, northern Italy, Republic of Korea (with effect from 4 Mar 2020, 2359h)
- Daegu city or Cheongdo county, Republic of Korea (with effect from 26 Feb 2020, 2359h)
- Mainland China (with effect from 1 Feb 2020)



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African Region

233 confirmed
(42 new)

WHO Risk Assessment

Global Level Very High

Updated as at 18 Mar 2020

Extracted from WHO's [Situation Report](#)

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1800 333 9999

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