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

01 Apr 2020

### Clarifications on Misinformation

**1 April 2020:** We are aware that there are COVID-19 April Fool's pranks circulating on Whatsapp and social media. We urge public not to spread fake news and misinformation about COVID-19. Singaporeans are relying on internet and media for vital information for COVID-19, and these jokes, while benign in nature, may fan the spread of misinformation resulting in severe consequences. If you have received files from unknown or unverified source, do not click on it, or forward it further.

**27 Mar 2020:** We are aware of a message circulating on social media and text messaging platforms about a Safe-Distancing Ambassador who allegedly issued a \$300 fine to a person for sitting on a seat which was marked as 'not to be occupied'. We wish to clarify that this is false.

Safe-Distancing Ambassadors are deployed to help ensure that safe distancing measures are complied with. They do not issue fines.

Please click [here](#) for more information.

**27 Mar 2020:** We are aware of scammers using automated voice calls or impersonating as MOH staff or contact tracing team, asking users to provide personal information including financial details, or



collect documents from the Ministry. We wish to clarify that:

- MOH will not ask for your financial details during contact tracing; and
- MOH will not ask you to collect documents from us, if you do not have existing matters with us.

When in doubt, please verify the authenticity of phone calls by calling MOH hotline at 1800-333-9999. 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](http://www.moh.gov.sg) for updates on the COVID-19 situation and click [here](#) for past clarifications.

### Total Number of Imported Cases in Singapore (as of 31 Mar 2020, 1200h)

IMPORTED	
503 (+16)	
Singapore Residents & Long-Term Pass Holders	Visitors
450 (+16)	53 (0)

### Case Summary in Singapore (as of 31 Mar 2020, 1200h)

Active Cases#	423	Discharged	240
Discharge to Isolation*	260	Hospitalised (Stable)	401
		Hospitalised (Critical)	22
		Deaths	3

See [press release](#) for more details.

#Active cases = Hospitalised (Stable) + Hospitalised (Critical)

\*Patients who are clinically well enough to be discharged from medical care but still test positive for COVID-19 will be isolated and care for at Concord International Hospital, Mount Elizabeth Hospital, Gleneagles Hospital and the Community Isolation Facility at D'Resort NTUC. Please see [press release](#).

### Disease Outbreak Response System Condition (DORSCON)

DORSCON Level	Orange
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See [press release](#)

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.

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31 Mar 2020	<a href="#">Covid-19 Relief Measures - Upcoming Legislative Provisions To Provide Legal Certainty on Holding of Meetings</a> - Ministry of Law (MinLaw)
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31 Mar 2020	<a href="#">MAS and Financial Industry to Support Individuals and SMEs Affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic</a> - Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS)
31 Mar 2020	<a href="#">12 More Cases Discharged; 47 New Cases of COVID-19 Infection Confirmed</a>
31 Mar 2020	<a href="#">Remarks by Minister Lawrence Wong, Co-chair of the Multi-Ministry Taskforce on COVID-19, at Press Conference on COVID-19</a>
31 Mar 2020	<a href="#">Time-limited Extension of CHAS Chronic Subsidy and MediSave to Video Consultation</a>
31 Mar 2020	<a href="#">SAF Stands Ready to Defend Singapore Amidst Evolving COVID-19 Situation</a> - Ministry of Defence (MINDEF)
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30 Mar 2020	<a href="#">16 More Cases Discharged; 35 New Cases of COVID-19 Infection Confirmed</a>
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30 Mar 2020	<a href="#">Safe Distancing Measures at Wholesale Markets</a> - Singapore Food Agency (SFA)
29 Mar 2020	<a href="#">14 More Cases Discharged; 42 New Cases of COVID-19 Infection Confirmed</a>
29 Mar 2020	<a href="#">Passing of Patient with COVID-19 Infection</a>
29 Mar 2020	<a href="#">Singapore Citizen's Passport Cancelled, Investigated For Possible Offences For Breaching Stay-Home Notice Requirements</a> - Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA)
28 Mar 2020	<a href="#">15 More Cases Discharged; 70 New Cases of COVID-19 Infection Confirmed</a>
28 Mar 2020	<a href="#">Entry Approval Required For All Long-Term Pass Holders</a> - Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA), Ministry of Education (MOE), Ministry of Manpower (MOM)

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### Public Health Travel Advisory (Updated 18 Mar 2020)

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

### Situation

Global	750,890 confirmed (57,610 new)
Western Pacific Region	104,868 confirmed (1,093 new)
European Region	423,946 confirmed (31,131 new)
South-East Asia Region	4,215 confirmed (131 new)
Eastern Mediterranean Region	50,349 confirmed (4,020 new)
Regions of the Americas	163,014 confirmed (20,935 new)
African Region	3,786 confirmed (300 new)

### WHO Risk Assessment

Global Level Very High

Updated as at 31 Mar 2020

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

### For Queries, call

[1800 333 9999](tel:18003339999)

Please also refer to the [FAQs](#) for more information.

### For SHN Helpline, call

[6812 5555](tel:68125555)

### RESOURCES

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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, practising good personal hygiene habits and complying with safe distancing measures. (click [here](#) to view other MOH 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

##### Entry Approval Required For All Long-Term Pass Holders (Updated as at 28 Mar 2020)

From 29 March 2020, 2359h, all foreigners holding ICA-issued long-term passes (i.e. Long-Term Visit Pass (LTVP) or Student's Pass (STP), or In-Principle Approval (IPA) letters for LTVP/STP, who plan to enter Singapore from any country must obtain permission from the relevant agency before they commence their journey.

Please refer to this [press release](#) for more information. For more updates on Border Control Measures, please click [here](#).

##### Health Declaration Via The SG Arrival Card E-Service (updated as at 23 Mar 2020)

From 27 March 2020, 0900h, all travellers arriving in Singapore, including residents [Singapore Citizens (SC), Permanent Residents (PR)], and Long-Term Pass (LTP) holders (Student's Pass, Dependant's Pass, Work Pass and Long-Term Visit Pass Holders), must submit a health declaration before proceeding with immigration clearance[1]. They will have to do so via the SG Arrival Card (SGAC) e-Service[2]. The health declaration will be made available before 27 March 2020 as part of the SGAC e-Service, so that travellers who are due to arrive in Singapore after 27 March, 0900 hours, can complete it in advance of their arrival.

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

[1] The Ministry of Health (MOH)'s press release dated 22 March 2020 announced that all short-term visitors (from anywhere in the world) will not be allowed to enter or transit through Singapore from 23 March 2020, 2359 hours. The Ministry of Manpower (MOM) will only allow the entry/return of Work Pass holders, including their dependents, for those providing essential services, such as in healthcare and transport.

[2] The beta version of the SGAC e-Service had been rolled out on a trial basis since August 2019 to allow short-term visitors to submit information about their visit to Singapore electronically in advance of their arrival, which replaces the requirement to fill in the paper-based disembarkation/embarkation cards. As of February 2020, ICA had cleared over 560,000 electronic SGAC records submitted by short-term visitors.

##### Border Restrictions (updated as at 22 Mar 2020)

From 23 March 2020, 2359h, all short-term visitors (from anywhere in the world) will not be allowed to enter or transit through Singapore. MOH will therefore suspend the processing of all ASEAN Health Clearance applications until further notice.

For updates on Border Control Measures in response to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019), please click [here](#).

##### 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, 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.

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.

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