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COVID-19: Cases in Singapore

An update of the latest confirmed cases in Singapore

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As of 16 October 2020, 12pm, the Ministry of Health (MOH) has confirmed and verified 1 new case of locally transmitted COVID-19 infection. The case resides in a dormitory and there are no new cases in the community. In addition, there are 8 imported cases, who had all been placed on Stay-Home Notice (SHN) or isolated upon arrival. Amongst the new cases today, 7 are asymptomatic, and were detected from our proactive screening and surveillance, while 2 were symptomatic.

Among the cases:

- Cases in the community: 0
 - There are no cases in the community today.
- Cases residing in dormitories: 1
 - o 1 asymptomatic

There is 1 case residing in a dormitory today. He was detected through our bi-weekly Rostered Routine Testing of workers living in dormitories.

- Imported cases: 8
 - o 2 symptomatic, 6 asymptomatic

Amongst the 8 imported cases, 2 are Singaporeans who returned from the Philippines. Another 4 are Work Permit holders currently employed in Singapore who arrived from Indonesia, the Philippines and Myanmar. They had all been placed on SHN upon arrival in Singapore and were tested while serving SHN.

The remaining 2 cases are Short-Term Visit Pass holders. One case was allowed entry into Singapore from India as he was already receiving medical care in Singapore and had returned for further treatment. He was conveyed directly to a hospital and isolated upon arrival in Singapore and was tested subsequently. The remaining case is a crew member of a ship which arrived from Indonesia. He had not disembarked from the ship, and was swabbed on board after developing symptoms. He had remained on the ship until his test result came back positive for COVID-19 infection and was then conveyed to a hospital.

Overall, the number of new cases in the community has remained stable at an average of fewer than 1 case per day in the past 2 weeks. The number of unlinked cases in the community has decreased from an average of fewer than 1 case per day in the week before, to none in the past week.

Of the new cases, 89% are imported or linked to known cases/clusters, while the rest are pending contact tracing

20 more cases of COVID-19 infection have been discharged from hospitals or community isolation facilities. In all,57,784 have fully recovered from the infection and have been discharged from hospitals or community care facilities.

Most of the 30 confirmed cases who are still in hospital are stable or improving. None is in the intensive care unit.

59 cases who have mild symptoms, or are clinically well but still test positive for COVID-19 are isolated and cared for at community facilities.

28 have passed away from complications due to COVID-19 infection.

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For more details, refer to MOH's press release.

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