

No. 26 of 2020

17 March 2020

Dear Port Users

**EXTENSION OF ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES IN RESPONSE TO  
ESCALATING COVID-19 SITUATION GLOBALLY**

- 1 As the number of COVID-19 cases worldwide continue to escalate with pace, there is a need for immediate targeted action to contain the spread of the virus and limit the risk that these affected regions may pose to Singapore.
- 2 The Ministry of Health (MOH) has thus announced that with effect from **15 Mar 2020 2359H**, all new visitors with recent travel history to **mainland China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Republic of Korea, and Spain** within the last 14 days will not be allowed entry into, or transit through Singapore.
- 3 In addition, with effect **16 Mar 2020 2359H**, all travellers (including Singapore Residents, Long Term Pass holders, and short-term visitors) entering Singapore with recent travel history to **ASEAN countries (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam), Japan, Switzerland, or the United Kingdom** within the last 14 days will be issued with a 14-day Stay-Home Notice (SHN). These travel restrictions extended by Singapore to ASEAN countries do not apply to those travelling between Singapore and Malaysia via sea or land.
- 4 In line with the MOH's press release dated 31 Jan 2020, 25 Feb 2020, 03 Mar 2020, 13 Mar 2020, and 15 Mar 2020, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) will also be extending precautionary measures to minimise risk of community spread of COVID-19. The details of which can be found in the following attached MPA Port Marine Circulars (PMC):
  - a. PMC No. 12 of 2020 dated 16 Mar 2020 ("Maritime Declaration of Health") extends the requirements for the Maritime Declaration of Health to include arriving vessels with passengers and crew members who have travelled to mainland China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom in the past 14 days.
  - b. PMC No. 13 of 2020 dated 16 Mar 2020 ("Extension of Precautionary Measures to Minimise Risk of Community Spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Singapore") which extends all currently implemented precautionary measures to

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include passengers and crew members with recent travel history to mainland China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom in the past 14 days.

- 5 The MOH has also introduced social distancing measures to reduce the risk of local transmissions. Port users are advised to defer or cancel large gatherings/meetings and reduce close contact whenever possible.
- 6 Port users are strongly advised to defer all non-essential travel to COVID-19 affected countries, and exercise the necessary precautions if travelling is unavoidable. Please note that travel advisories are under close review as the situation is changing rapidly, and you could be subjected to any prevailing travel measures imposed by the destination countries, and those imposed by Singapore upon your return here.
- 7 Please continue to practice social responsibility by maintaining high standards of personal hygiene. Avoid attending gatherings and seek prompt medical attention if you are unwell or experiencing mild flu-like symptoms such as cough, running nose, sore throat and fever. **Do note that you are also required to inform JP of any suspected or confirmed cases you may be aware of.**
- 8 Your co-operation and understanding in the additional measures implemented is appreciated.
- 9 Should you have further queries, please contact JP Customer Service Helpdesk at 6413 9600 or email to [jpcss@jp.com.sg](mailto:jpcss@jp.com.sg) or JP WSH at [jpfss@jp.com.sg](mailto:jpfss@jp.com.sg).

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## MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

### PORT MARINE CIRCULAR NO. 12 OF 2020

16 Mar 2020

Harbour Craft Community  
Pleasure Craft Community  
Shipping Community

### **MARITIME DECLARATION OF HEALTH**

1. This circular, which will come into effect from 16 March 2020, 2359hrs, brings to the attention of the National Environment Agency's (Port Health Office) requirements to submit the Maritime Declaration of Health to the Port Health Office. These requirements are applicable for the following vessels:

- a. All arriving vessels with crew/passengers with recent travel history to ASEAN countries<sup>1</sup>, mainland China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom within the past 14 days; or
- b. All arriving vessels that have called at ports in ASEAN countries, mainland China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Spain and the United Kingdom within the past 14 days.

2. This declaration is part of the measures to prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) into Singapore. It must be submitted to the National Environment Agency's (Port Health Office) 12 hours before arrival at Singapore Port.

3. These requirements are listed in National Environment Agency's (Port Health Office) circular as attached in **ANNEX A**. The Maritime Declaration of Health Form is attached in **ANNEX B**.

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<sup>1</sup> ASEAN countries besides Singapore: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam

4. The master of the ship is recommended to implement the following additional precautionary measures:

- a. Educate crew/passengers of the symptoms of COVID-19, which are:
  - i. Fever (i.e. temperature above 37.5 degree Celsius);
  - ii. Runny nose;
  - iii. Cough; and
  - iv. Shortness of breath
- b. Carry out daily temperature checks for all crew/passengers at least twice daily;
- c. Isolate unwell crew/passengers when his/her temperature is above 37.5 degree Celsius. The unwell crew/passengers should also wear a mask; and
- d. Disinfect common areas and rooms in the vessel before arrival in Singapore. The disinfection may be conducted by the ship's crew en-route to Singapore. You can refer to the Interim Guidelines for Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection of Areas Exposed to Confirmed Case(s) of COVID-19 in Non-Healthcare Premises issued by NEA for guidance on the disinfection protocols, if needed. See **ANNEX C**.

5. Any queries relating to this circular should be directed to the Port Health Office at Tel: (65) 6222-2585.

6. The Port Marine Circular 10 of 2020 dated 13 Mar 2020 will be cancelled on 16 March 2020, 2359hrs.

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## ANNEX A



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16 March 2020

Shipping Community,

### COMPULSORY MARITIME HEALTH DECLARATION BY VESSELS

1. In view of the COVID-19 situation, Port Health Unit/ NEA will be implementing additional measures to guard against the virus in Singapore.

2. As part of the measures to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, all arriving vessels that have been to any ports in ASEAN countries<sup>1</sup>, mainland China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Spain and the United Kingdom in the past 14 days; or all arriving vessels with crew/passengers who have travelled to ASEAN countries, mainland China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom in the past 14 days are required to submit the following documents to the Port Health Unit/ Central Regional Office 12 hours before arrival at Singapore Port:

- a) The Maritime Declaration of Health Form;
- b) Crew list / Passenger list;
- c) Current copy of Ship Sanitation Certificates; and
- d) Last 10 ports of call list
- e) List of all passengers & crew members with temperature above 37.5 degree Celsius

The stated documents must be submitted regardless whether there are any sick passengers or crew on board.

3. The master of the ship is to conduct temperature checks for all passengers and crew members no earlier than 2 hours before arrival and provide the list of passengers/ crew members with temperature measured above 37.5 degree Celsius to Port Health Office, National Environment Agency.

4. The Maritime Declaration of Health Form and other documents should be submitted to the Port Health Unit/ Central Regional Office and Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore via:

- a) Fax: 62228543
- b) Email: [Port\\_Health\\_CRO@nea.gov.sg](mailto:Port_Health_CRO@nea.gov.sg)
- c) Email: [isps@mpa.gov.sg](mailto:isps@mpa.gov.sg)

5. Should you have further queries, please contact Port Health Unit at Tel: (65) 6222-2585 or email ([Port\\_Health\\_CRO@nea.gov.sg](mailto:Port_Health_CRO@nea.gov.sg)).

Yours faithfully,

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CENTRAL REGIONAL OFFICE  
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<sup>1</sup> ASEAN countries besides Singapore: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam

The MDH must be completed and submitted a maximum of 12 hours before arrival, with an update, if the health status of any one on board changes

### MARITIME DECLARATION OF HEALTH

To be completed and submitted to the competent authorities by the masters of ships arriving from foreign ports.

Submitted at the port of ..... Date .....

Name of ship or inland navigation vessel .....Registration/IMO No .....

arriving from ..... sailing to .....

(Nationality)(Flag of vessel) ..... Master's name .....

Gross tonnage (ship) .....

Tonnage (inland navigation vessel) .....

Valid Sanitation Control Exemption/Control Certificate carried on board? Yes ..... No ..... Issued at ..... date .....

Re-inspection required? Yes ..... No .....

Has ship/vessel visited an affected area identified by the World Health Organization? Yes ..... No .....

Port and date of visit .....

List ports of call from commencement of voyage with dates of departure, or within past thirty days, whichever is shorter:

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Upon request of the competent authority at the port of arrival, list crew members, passengers or other persons who have joined ship/vessel since international voyage began or within past thirty days, whichever is shorter, including all ports/countries visited in this period (add additional names to the attached schedule)

(1) Name ..... joined from: (1) ..... (2) ..... (3) .....  
 (2) Name ..... joined from: (1) ..... (2) ..... (3) .....  
 (3) Name ..... joined from: (1) ..... (2) ..... (3) .....

Number of crew members on board .....

Number of passengers on board .....

### Health questions

- (1) Has any person died on board during the voyage otherwise than as a result of accident? Yes .... No .....  
If yes, state particulars in attached schedule. Total no. of deaths .....
- (2) Is there on board or has there been during the international voyage any case of disease which you suspect to be of an infectious nature?  
Yes..... No..... If yes, state particulars in attached schedule.
- (3) Has the total number of ill passengers during the voyage been greater than normal/expected? Yes .... No .... How many ill persons? .....
- (4) Is there any ill person on board now? Yes ..... No ..... If yes, state particulars in attached schedule.
- (5) Was a medical practitioner consulted? Yes ..... No ..... If yes, state particulars of medical treatment or advice provided in attached schedule.
- (6) Are you aware of any condition on board which may lead to infection or spread of disease? Yes ..... No .....  
If yes, state particulars in attached schedule.
- (7) Has any sanitary measure (e.g. quarantine, isolation, disinfection or decontamination) been applied on board? Yes ..... No .....  
If yes, specify type, place and date .....
- (8) Have any stowaways been found on board? Yes ..... No ..... If yes, where did they join the ship (if known)? .....
- (9) Is there a sick animal or pet on board? Yes ..... No .....

Note: In the absence of a surgeon, the master should regard the following symptoms as grounds for suspecting the existence of a disease of an infectious nature:

- (a) fever, persisting for several days or accompanied by (i) prostration; (ii) decreased consciousness; (iii) glandular swelling; (iv) jaundice; (v) cough or shortness of breath; (vi) unusual bleeding; or (vii) paralysis.
- (b) with or without fever: (i) any acute skin rash or eruption; (ii) severe vomiting (other than sea sickness); (iii) severe diarrhea; or (iv) recurrent convulsions.

I hereby declare that the particulars and answers to the questions given in this Declaration of Health (including the schedule) are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date .....

Signed .....  
Master

Countersigned .....  
Ship's Surgeon (if carried)

## ATTACHMENT TO MODEL OF MARITIME DECLARATION OF HEALTH

Name	Class or rating	Age	Sex	Nationality	Port and date joined ship/vessel	Nature of illness	Date of onset of symptoms	Reported to a port medical officer?	Disposal of case*	Drugs medicines or other treatment	Comments

State:

- 1) Whether the person recovered, is still ill or died; and
- 2) Whether the person is still on board, was evacuated (including the name of the port or airport), or was buried at sea.

### List of Passengers/ Crew Members with Temperature above 37.5°C

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### **Interim Guidelines for Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection of Areas Exposed to Confirmed Case(s) of COVID-19 in Non-Healthcare Premises**

This document provides guidance by the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the National Environment Agency (NEA), of Singapore, to assist owners or operators of non-healthcare premises to carry out environmental cleaning, for areas exposed to confirmed case(s) of Coronavirus Diseases (COVID-19) in non-healthcare premises.

**This will apply to premises where a confirmed case has resided or has been present for a substantial period of time.**

For areas with only transient exposure to confirmed cases, please refer to the "Interim Guidelines for Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection of Areas with Transient Exposure to Confirmed Case(s) of COVID-19".

This is an interim guidance, as transmission dynamics for the COVID-19 are yet to be fully determined. This document has been adapted from guidance documents from the Ministry of Health (MOH)<sup>3</sup>, Singapore and the World Health Organisation (WHO)<sup>4</sup>.

#### **A. Cleaning agents and disinfectants**

1. As the virus can survive on surfaces of different materials for at least 2 to 3 days, surfaces potentially contaminated with novel coronavirus should be sanitised.
2. An appropriate disinfectant with indication of effectiveness against coronaviruses can be used. Disinfectants should be prepared and applied in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation. Ensure that appropriate contact time is given before removing any disinfected materials. Please refer to the "Interim List of Household Products and Active Ingredients for Disinfection of COVID-19 Virus" for a list of disinfectants that can be used.
3. Bleach can be used as a disinfectant for cleaning and disinfection (dilute 1 part bleach in 49 parts water, 1000 ppm or according to manufacturer's instructions). Bleach solutions should be prepared fresh. Leaving the bleach solution for a contact time of at least 10 minutes is recommended.
4. Alcohol can be used to wipe down surfaces where the use of bleach is not suitable, e.g. metal.

#### **B. Protective Personal Equipment (PPE) to wear while carrying out cleaning and disinfection works**

1. Wear disposable gloves, disposable long-sleeved gowns, eye goggles or a face shield, and an N95 mask.
2. Avoid touching the nose and mouth (goggles may help as they will prevent hands from touching eyes).
3. Gloves should be removed and discarded if they become soiled or damaged, and a new pair worn.
4. All other disposable PPE should be removed and discarded after cleaning activities are completed. Eye goggles, if used, should be disinfected after each use, according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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<sup>3</sup> Ministry of Health, Singapore. (2014). MOH Pandemic Readiness and Response Plan for Influenza and other Acute Respiratory Diseases

<sup>4</sup> World Health Organization. (2019). Infection Prevention and Control during Health Care when Novel Coronavirus (nCoV) Infection is Suspected. WHO/2019-nCoV/IPC/v2020.1

5. When in doubt, refer to guidance documents for the proper donning and doffing of PPE<sup>5</sup>.
6. Hands should be washed with soap and water immediately after each piece of PPE is removed, following completion of cleaning.

*N.B.: Masks are effective if worn according to instructions and properly fitted. Masks should be discarded and changed if it becomes physically damaged.*

**C. Cleaning guidelines for areas exposed to confirmed case(s) of COVID-19 in non-healthcare premises**

1. Where possible, seal off areas where the confirmed case has visited, before carrying out cleaning and disinfection of the contaminated environmental surfaces. This is to prevent unsuspecting persons from being exposed to those surfaces.
2. When cleaning areas where a confirmed case has been, cleaning crews should be attired in suitable PPE (see Section B above). Gloves should be removed and discarded if they become soiled or damaged, and a new pair worn. All other disposable PPE should be removed and discarded, after cleaning activities are completed. Goggles, if used, should be disinfected after each use, according to manufacturer's instructions. Hands should be washed with soap and water immediately after the PPE is removed.
3. Keep cleaning equipment to a minimum.
4. Keep windows open for ventilation, where workers are using disinfectants.
5. Mop floor with disinfectant or the prepared bleach solution.
6. Wipe all frequently touched areas (e.g. lift buttons, hand rails, doorknobs, arm rests, seat backs, tables, air/ light controls, keyboards, switches, etc.) and toilet surfaces with chemical disinfectants (use according to manufacturer's instructions) and allow to air dry. Bleach solution (dilute 1 part bleach in 49 parts water, 1000 ppm or according to manufacturer's instructions) can be used. Alcohol (e.g. isopropyl 70% or ethyl alcohol 70%) can be used for surfaces, where the use of bleach is not suitable.
7. Clean toilets, including the toilet bowl and accessible surfaces in the toilet with disinfectant or bleach solution.
8. Wipe down all accessible surfaces of walls as well as blinds with disinfectant or bleach solution.
9. Remove curtains/ fabrics/ quilts for washing, preferably using the hot water cycle. For hot-water laundry cycles, wash with detergent or disinfectant in water at 70°C for at least 25 minutes. If low-temperature (i.e. less than 70°C) laundry cycles are used, choose a chemical that is suitable for low-temperature washing when used at the proper concentration.
10. Arrange for a cleaning contractor to properly disinfect the mattresses, pillows, cushions or carpets that have been used by the person who has been confirmed to have the COVID-19.
11. Repeat mopping the floor with the prepared disinfectant or bleach solution.
12. Discard cleaning equipment made of cloths and absorbent materials, e.g. mop head and wiping cloths, into biohazard bags after cleaning and disinfecting each area. Wear a new pair of gloves and fasten the double-bagged biohazard bag with a cable tie.
13. Disinfect non-porous cleaning equipment used in one room, before using for other rooms. If possible, keep the disinfecting equipment separated from other routine equipment.

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<sup>5</sup> World Health Organization. (2008). How to Put On and Take Off Personal Protective Equipment. Retrieved from World Health Organisation website: [https://www.who.int/csr/resources/publications/PPE\\_EN\\_AIsI.pdf](https://www.who.int/csr/resources/publications/PPE_EN_AIsI.pdf)

14. Disinfect buckets by soaking in disinfectant or bleach solution, or rinse in hot water before filling.
15. Discard equipment made of cloths/ absorbent materials (e.g. mop head and wiping cloths) after cleaning each area, to prevent cross contamination.
16. Disinfectant or bleach solution should be applied to surfaces using a damp cloth. They should not be applied to surfaces using a spray pack, as coverage is uncertain, and spraying may promote the production of aerosols. The creation of aerosols caused by splashing liquid during cleaning should be avoided. A steady sweeping motion should be used when cleaning either floors or horizontal surfaces, to prevent the creation of aerosols or splashing. Cleaning methods that might aerosolize infectious material, such as the use of compressed air, must not be used.
17. Leave the disinfected area and avoid using the area the next day.
18. Biohazard bags should be properly disposed of<sup>6</sup>, upon completion of the disinfection work.

**D. Precautions to take after completing the clean-up and disinfection of the affected area**

1. Cleaning crews should wash their hands with soap and water immediately after removing the PPE, and when cleaning and disinfection work is completed.
2. Discard all used PPE in a double-bagged biohazard bag, which should then be securely sealed and labelled.
3. The crew should be aware of the symptoms and should report to their occupational health service if they develop symptoms.

**E. List of cleaning companies that can carry out disinfection works**

If you are not able to adhere to the suggested disinfection methods above, you may wish to consider engaging the following cleaning company to carry out disinfection works:

Company Name	Email	Hotline	Website
1 Plus Private Limited (Whishh)	contact@whishh.com.sg	6221 8626	
ACMS Facilities Management Pte Ltd	sales@acmsfacilities.com.sg	6363 2230	www.acmsfacilities.com.sg
Anergy Building Services Pte Ltd	sales@anergy.com.sg	6738 4989	
Aras Development Pte Ltd	enquiries@arasgrp.com	6782 2140	
Art of Cleaning Pte Ltd	sales@artofcleaning.com.sg	9886 0178	www.artofcleaning.com.sg
Avon Cleaning Services Pte Ltd	disinfect@avongroup.com.sg	6591 8886	
Bernice Management Pte Ltd	enquire@bernicemgmt.com	9119 7321	
Bestway Cleaning Services Pte Ltd	bestway1@singnet.com.sg	6562 0369	
Big Red Pte Ltd	charn@bigred.com.sg	6241 9443	https://www.bigred.com.sg
BNL Services Pte Ltd	sales@bnl.sg	6786 7789	
CBM Pte Ltd	douglas@cbm.com.sg		https://www.cbm.com.sg/cleaning
Chye Thiam Maintenance Pte Ltd	feedback@chyethiam.com	6281 8866	
Clean Lab Pte Ltd	hello@cleanlab.com.sg	6741 1522	www.cleanlab.com.sg
Clean Solutions Pte Ltd	enquire@cleansolutions.com.sg	6471 0880	
Cleaning Express Pte Ltd		6841 4498	

<sup>6</sup> Refer to the list of licensed biohazard waste collectors: <https://www.nea.gov.sg/our-services/pollution-control/hazardous-waste/toxic-waste-control>

Company Name	Email	Hotline	Website
Cleanmage Pte Ltd	admin@cleanmage.com.sg	6515 8754	
Conrad Maintenance Services Pte. Ltd.	sales@conrad.sg	6561 8992	
COSEM Safety and Security Services Pte Ltd	Khairul@cossem.org.sg	8298 8242	<a href="http://www.cossem.org.sg/">http://www.cossem.org.sg/</a>
CSP Maintenance Pte Ltd		6570 0138	<a href="http://www.cspmaintenance.com">www.cspmaintenance.com</a>
Dream Sparkle Pte Ltd	dreamsparkle.pl@gmail.com	6358 3892	<a href="https://dream-sparkle.com/">https://dream-sparkle.com/</a>
Duyen Cleaning Services Pte Ltd	admin@duyencleaningservices.com	8818 8368 / 8618 8812	
Eng Leng Contractors Pte Ltd	genbee_tee@engleng.com.sg	6250 4328	
Horsburgh Integrated Services Pte Ltd	winson.soh@horsburgh.sg	6273 0223	
Infocus Integrated Engineering Pte Ltd	jonathan.xiao@infocusintegrated.com.sg	6250 2252	
ISS Facility Services Pte Ltd	sales.marketing@sg.issworld.com	6622 2712 / 6622 2790	
Jusclean Services	info@sanondaf.sg	6286 9866	<a href="http://www.sanondaf.sg">www.sanondaf.sg</a>
Kingston Services & Supply Pte Ltd	kennykong@kingstonss.com.sg	6841 6048	
Lumiair Pte Ltd	sales@lumiair.com.sg	8877 3311	<a href="http://www.lumiair.com.sg">www.lumiair.com.sg</a>
Marvel Clean Pte Ltd	thong@marvelclean.sg	9090 5850	
Ministry of Clean Pte Ltd	moc@moc.sg	6747 0444	<a href="http://www.moc.sg">www.moc.sg</a>
Ramky Cleantech Services Pte Ltd	contactus@ramky.com.sg	6876 5400	
Razor Solutions Pte Ltd		6752 2212	<a href="http://www.successforever.com.sg">www.successforever.com.sg</a>
Renmekleen Services Pte Ltd	enquiry@renmekleen.com.sg	6377 0688	
Sergeant Services Pte Ltd	enquiry@sergent.com.sg	6570 6733	
Servcare Services Pte Ltd	admin@servcare.com.sg	6769 1600	
Shiners Facilities Pte Ltd	Poonam@shiners.com.sg	9877 7961	
Spic & Span Pte Ltd	enquiry@snsproperties.asia	6737 8919	
Sun City Maintenance Pte Ltd	enquiry@sun-city.com.sg	6223 0022 / 9144 0052	
TSM Group Pte Ltd	info@tsmgpl.com	6253 1793 / 9129 3544	<a href="http://www.tsmgpl.com">www.tsmgpl.com</a>
UEMS Solutions	zhang.qiang@uemsgroup.com	6818 3600	
UTXO Enterprises	sales@utxoenterprises.com	9725 5825	<a href="https://www.utxoenterprises.com/">https://www.utxoenterprises.com/</a>
Weishen Industrial Services Pte Ltd	felix_chen@weishen.com.sg	9026 2509	

*Note: The list is for reference only and is non-exhaustive. NEA neither endorses the companies, nor the views they express or the products/services they offer.*

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## MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

### PORT MARINE CIRCULAR NO. 13 OF 2020

16 Mar 2020

Harbour Craft Community  
Pleasure Craft Community  
Shipping Community

### **EXTENSION OF PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO MINIMISE RISK OF COMMUNITY SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) IN SINGAPORE**

1. Since 24 January 2020, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) has implemented temperature screening at all sea checkpoints, including ferry and cruise terminals, PSA terminals and Jurong Port, for inbound travellers. MPA has also put up health advisories at the sea checkpoints to inform travellers and ship crew on the precautionary measures to take when travelling, as well as to remain vigilant and adopt good hygiene practices.

2. In line with Singapore Ministry of Health's (MOH) press releases dated 31 January 2020 (**ANNEX A**), 25 February 2020 (**ANNEX B**), 03 March 2020 (**ANNEX C**), 13 March 2020 (**ANNEX D**), and 15 March 2020 (**ANNEX E**) the MPA will extend the precautionary measures to all ships calling the Port of Singapore.

#### Border Restrictions

3. Crew/passengers onboard all arriving vessels that have called at ports in ASEAN countries<sup>1</sup>, mainland China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Spain and the United Kingdom within the last 14 days shall remain onboard the vessels.

4. Crew/passengers with recent travel history to ASEAN countries, mainland China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Spain, Switzerland and

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the United Kingdom within the last 14 days shall remain onboard the vessels during the vessels' stay in port.

5. With effect from 13 March 2020, Singapore has ceased port calls for all cruise vessels.

#### Precautionary testing for symptomatic travellers at regional ferry terminals

6. All travellers entering Singapore and exhibiting fever (i.e. temperature above 37.5 degree Celsius) and/or other symptoms of respiratory illness may be required to undergo a COVID-19 swab test at the regional ferry terminals, regardless of travel history. They will be issued a 14-day Stay Home Notice or returned to their point of origin.

7. Short-term visitors who arrive in Singapore without the necessary approval<sup>2</sup> will be denied entry into Singapore.

#### Advice for shipping community

8. MPA advises the shipping community to adhere closely to the health advisory in **ANNEX F**. The National Environment Agency's (NEA) Port Health requires the following vessels to submit the Maritime Declaration of Health Form (refer to Port Marine Circular 12 of 2020):

- a. All arriving vessels with crew/passengers with recent travel history to ASEAN countries, mainland China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom within the last 14 days; or
- b. All arriving vessels that have called at ports in ASEAN countries, mainland China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Spain and the United Kingdom within the last 14 days.

9. MPA also urges all crew members onboard to have their temperature taken twice daily. There are also guidelines on how to isolate unwell crew and passengers. For guidance on the disinfection protocols of common areas and rooms in the vessel, please refer to the NEA's website for the Interim Guidelines for Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection of Areas Exposed to Confirmed Case(s) of COVID-19 in Non-Healthcare Premises, and the Interim Guidelines for Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection of Premises with Transient Exposure to Confirmed Case(s) of COVID-19, if needed. If any of their crew or passengers are unwell, they should report the incident to the Marine Safety Control Centre at 6325 2488/2489.

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<sup>2</sup> All short-term visitors who are nationals of any ASEAN country will have to submit requisite information on their health to the Singapore Overseas Mission in the country they are resident before their intended date of travel. The submission will have to be approved by Singapore's Ministry of Health (MOH) before travel to Singapore, and the approval will be verified by the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) officers at the Singapore checkpoints.

10. Managers/supervisors of terminal operators, agents, contractors and service providers are to take note of the health advisory in **ANNEX G** and bring it to the attention of staff who are required to work on board ships.

#### Advice for Singapore-Registered Vessels

11. Ship owners, managers, operators, agents and masters of Singapore-registered vessels should monitor the health of their crew closely. Masters of such vessels are required to report to their company, MPA and destination port authorities, if their crew are unwell, experience respiratory symptoms (e.g. cough, runny nose, shortness of breath) or feel feverish. They should also make the necessary arrangements to seek medical attention. Refer to the health advisory in **ANNEX H**.

#### Industry-led Initiatives

12. Temperature Screening at Ferry Terminals. Since 08 February 2020, 2359hrs, ferry terminal operators have implemented centralised outbound temperature screening for departing passengers. This is an additional precautionary measure by the terminal operators to ensure the health and safety of all passengers and crew.

13. Cleaning and Disinfection. Ferry operators have also stepped up their cleaning and disinfection regime on board the ferries, especially in common or public areas to help prevent the widespread transmission of COVID-19.

#### Measures by Port Terminal Operators

14. PSA and Jurong Port are also taking precautionary measures for employees returning to Singapore. Some of these measures include allowing eligible staff to telecommute and providing frontline staff with paid Leave of Absence where they are unable to work remotely.

15. This circular supersedes Port Marine Circular No. 11 of 2020.

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**MOH'S PRESS RELEASE ON THE EXTENSION OF PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO MINIMISE RISK OF COMMUNITY SPREAD IN SINGAPORE, DATED 31 JANUARY 2020**

MINISTRY OF HEALTH  
SINGAPORE

Press Release

**EXTENSION OF PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO MINIMISE RISK OF COMMUNITY SPREAD IN SINGAPORE****Latest developments**

On Tuesday, 28 January 2020, the Ministry of Health (MOH) announced additional measures to limit the risk that travellers from Hubei pose to Singapore. These measures have been fully implemented.

2. On 30 January, the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) declared China's novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC). This declaration sets the stage for a global coordinated effort to enhance preparedness in other regions of the world. WHO believes that it is still possible to interrupt the spread of the virus, provided that countries put in place strong preparedness and response measures. Indeed, there has been increased action worldwide to limit the global spread of the virus by restricting the entry of possible contacts and cases into other countries.

3. While the majority of confirmed cases in China are still linked to Hubei province, MOH understands that there is a growing possibility that more individuals from other parts of China may be infected with the virus. Significantly, the virus has spread to every region of mainland China. The number of reported infections in China has also doubled since 28 January, to over 9,000, and the likelihood of widespread community transmission in other parts of China is now high. As a result, we are likely to see a sharper rise in the local transmission of the virus in Chinese cities beyond the Hubei province in the coming days.

4. In view of the growing possibility of transmission from new travellers arriving from other parts of mainland China, MOH has assessed that it is prudent to take additional pre-emptive measures at this stage. Therefore, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce on the Wuhan Coronavirus has decided to take further steps to limit the potential risk that new travellers arriving from mainland China pose to Singapore.

**New visitors with travel history in mainland China or with PRC passports**

5. From 1 February 2020, 2359h, all new visitors with recent travel history to mainland China within the last 14 days will not be allowed entry into Singapore, or to transit through Singapore.

6. In the same context, with immediate effect, the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) will suspend the issuance of all forms of new visas to those with PRC



passports. We will also suspend Singapore's status as a visa-free transit facility for those with PRC passports.

7. Previously issued short-term and multiple-visit visas for those with PRC passports will also be suspended. During this period of suspension, they will not be allowed entry into Singapore.

#### **Returning residents and long-term pass holders with travel history in mainland China**

8. With immediate effect, the following returning groups will be issued an advisory for them to be placed on a 14-day leave of absence from the day of their return from China:

- a) Residents (Singaporean Citizens/ PRs) with recent travel history to mainland China within the last 14 days; and
- b) Long-term pass holders (including Work Passes and Permits, Student Pass, Dependent Pass and Long-term Visit Pass) with recent travel history to mainland China within the last 14 days.

9. Persons who have been put on a leave of absence should stay at home and avoid social contact. They should avoid crowded places and refrain from attending social or public gatherings. They should monitor their health closely, and seek medical attention immediately if they develop any fever or symptoms of acute respiratory illness such as cough or shortness of breath.

10. This is an expansion of the previous measures already implemented for people who interact closely with vulnerable populations in certain sectors — childcare and education, healthcare and eldercare.

11. Previously announced quarantine requirements for returning residents and long-term pass holders with travel history to Hubei, or with PRC passports issued in Hubei, remain in effect.

#### **Remaining cautious and calm**

12. There remains no evidence of community spread in Singapore, and these latest measures are aimed at minimising the risk of this occurring. They will also help to stem the global spread of the virus. These latest steps are part of a calibrated series of measures we have taken as the situation of the virus outbreak has evolved. The Taskforce will continue to monitor the situation and take further steps as needed.

13. Meanwhile, Singaporeans can continue to play their part by being socially responsible and practising good personal hygiene habits. 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.

14. At the same time, Singaporeans can help each other to cope with the disruptions that these new restrictions may cause. The Government will do its part to support businesses and workers that are affected.

15. We urge Singaporeans to remain calm, and to refer to official sources such as the MOH website or subscribe to the gov.sg WhatsApp, to get the latest updates on the situation.

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH**  
**31 JANUARY 2020**

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**MOH'S PRESS RELEASE ON THE ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES IN RESPONSE TO ESCALATING SITUATION IN DAEGU AND CHEONGDO, DATED 25 FEBRUARY 2020**



Press Release

**ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES IN RESPONSE TO ESCALATING SITUATION IN DAEGU AND CHEONGDO**

In view of the surge in the number of confirmed cases in the Republic of Korea, particularly in Daegu city and Cheongdo county, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce will put in place further precautionary measures to limit the risk that travellers from these affected regions pose to Singapore.

2. As of 25 February 2020, 12pm, the Republic of Korea has reported 893 confirmed cases of COVID-19 infection. These include 501 cases linked to the Shincheonji Church of Jesus in Daegu, and 113 from Daenam Hospital in Cheongdo. 246 cases are currently under investigation and are not linked to either cluster. Daegu and Cheongdo have been designated as "special care zones". The Republic of Korea government has raised the alert level to the highest level of 'grave', and has aggressively strengthened its response system to reduce the risk of further transmission.

3. With the rapidly evolving situation in these regions, visitors from Daegu and Cheongdo and returning travellers from these regions pose a heightened risk to Singapore. The Multi-Ministry Taskforce has decided to step up precautionary measures to limit the potential risk this group poses to Singapore, based on the current risk assessment.

**New visitors with travel history to Daegu and Cheongdo**

4. From 26 February 2020, 2359 hours, all new visitors with recent travel history to Daegu and Cheongdo within the last 14 days will not be allowed entry into Singapore, or transit through Singapore.

**Returning residents and long-term pass holders placed on Stay-Home Notice**

5. The following returning groups will be issued with a Stay-Home Notice (SHN):

- a) Residents (Singaporean Citizens and Permanent Residents) with recent travel history to Daegu and Cheongdo within the last 14 days; and
- b) Long-term pass holders (including work passes and permits, Student's Pass, Dependant's Pass, and Long-term Visit Pass) with recent travel history to Daegu and Cheongdo within the last 14 days.

Under the SHN, they will have to remain in their place of residence at all times for a 14-day period after returning to Singapore.

6. As announced on 22 February, the Ministry of Health (MOH) advises travellers to avoid non-essential travel to Daegu and Cheongdo. The public are also reminded to continue to exercise caution when travelling to the rest of the Republic of Korea.

7. MOH has already expanded the definition of suspect cases to include persons with pneumonia or severe respiratory infection with breathlessness who had been to Daegu and/or Cheongdo of the Republic of Korea, within 14 days before onset of symptoms. Cases meeting the expanded definition will be referred to hospitals for further assessment.

8. The previously announced travel advisory for Singaporeans to defer all travel to Hubei Province and all non-essential travel to Mainland China, as well as measures on Hubei travellers and returning residents from Hubei, remain in place.

9. MOH will continue to monitor the situation closely. The Taskforce stands ready to put in place further measures as the situation evolves.

### **Health Advisory**

10. 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 they 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.

11. 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 shortness of breath;
- 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.

12. Given the evolving situation and ongoing investigations in the Republic of Korea, Singapore residents who need to travel to the affected areas are advised to regularly check MOH's website ([www.moh.gov.sg](http://www.moh.gov.sg)) for updates. Travellers to the Republic of Korea are also advised to stay vigilant, monitor developments and heed the advice of the local authorities while in the Republic of Korea.

**MOH'S PRESS RELEASE ON THE ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES IN RESPONSE TO ESCALATING GLOBAL SITUATION, DATED 03 MARCH 2020**

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH**  
SINGAPORE

## Press Release

In view of the surge in the number of confirmed cases around the world – in particular in Iran, northern Italy[1], Japan and Republic of Korea – the Multi-Ministry Taskforce will put in place further precautionary measures to limit the risk that these affected regions may pose to Singapore.

2. As of 3 March 2020, 12pm, there were 90,689 confirmed cases of COVID-19 globally, including 10,538 cases outside mainland China. The Republic of Korea has reported 4,812 cases, an increase of 600 cases in the last day. There were 1,835 cases reported in Italy, mostly in its northern region. Iran has reported 1,501 cases, an increase of 523 cases in the last day, and Japan has confirmed 268 cases.

3. The Taskforce is monitoring the situation closely. It will continue to take a calibrated and risk-based approach in determining the appropriate precautions and measures for Singapore. In the days ahead, it is likely that we will see a surge of infected cases in countries around the world, including in America, Europe, the Middle East and the rest of Asia. Singapore is a small, globally-connected city-state, and we are faced with a higher risk of imported cases.

### **Additional precautions for outgoing and incoming travellers**

4. To protect Singaporeans, the Taskforce will put in place additional precautions for outgoing and incoming travelers.

5. In particular, Singaporeans are advised to defer non-essential travel to Iran, northern Italy, Japan and the Republic of Korea. Singaporeans should note that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' advisory issued on 8 January 2020 against travelling to or remaining in Iran due to rising tensions in the Middle East remains in place.

6. As the situation will continue to evolve, Singapore residents who need to travel to the affected regions are advised to regularly check the Ministry of Health's (MOH) website for updates. Travellers are also advised to stay vigilant, monitor developments and heed the advice of the local authorities while overseas.

7. From 4 March 2020, 2359 hours, all new visitors with recent travel history to Iran, northern Italy or the Republic of Korea within the last 14 days will not be allowed entry into Singapore, or transit through Singapore. With immediate effect, the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) will suspend the issuance of all forms of new visas to those with Iranian passports[2]. Previously issued short-term and multiple-visit visas for those with Iranian passports will also be suspended. During this period of suspension, they will not be allowed entry into Singapore.

8. From 4 March 2020, 2359 hours, the following returning groups will be issued with a Stay-Home Notice (SHN):

- a) Residents (Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents) with recent travel history to Iran, northern Italy, or the Republic of Korea within the last 14 days; and
- b) Long-term pass holders (including work passes, Student's Pass, Dependant's Pass and Long-term Visit Pass) with recent travel history to Iran, northern Italy or the Republic of Korea within the last 14 days.

Under the SHN, they will have to remain in their place of residence at all times for a 14-day period after returning to Singapore.

### **Expanded clinical case definition**

9. MOH has expanded the definition of suspect cases to include persons with pneumonia or severe respiratory infection with breathlessness who had been to Iran, northern Italy, Japan and the Republic of Korea within 14 days before onset of symptoms. Cases meeting the expanded definition will be referred to hospitals for further assessment.

### **Precautionary testing for symptomatic travellers**

10. From 4 March 2020, 2359 hours, travellers entering Singapore and exhibiting fever and/or other symptoms of respiratory illness but who do not meet the clinical suspect case definition may be required to undergo a COVID-19 swab test at the checkpoint.[3] They may carry on with their journey immediately after undergoing the test. Pending the results, which may take between three and six hours, the travellers are advised to minimise contact with others as a precautionary measure. Individuals will be contacted on their swab test results and those with positive results will be conveyed to the hospital in a dedicated ambulance.

11. 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.

12. The COVID-19 swab test kit deployed at checkpoints allows us to test beyond persons who are referred to hospitals, and extend testing to lower-risk symptomatic travellers as an added precautionary measure. This additional testing capability deployed upfront at checkpoints further increases our likelihood of detecting imported cases at the point of entry. As with any test, a negative result does not completely rule out the possibility of infection. As such, symptomatic travellers with a negative test result should continue to minimise social contact and seek medical attention should symptoms not improve over the next three days.

### **Preparing ahead**

13. The additional precautions we are taking will help to reduce the risk of imported cases in Singapore. But the virus is spreading quickly around the world, and there are likely to be many undetected cases in countries that are not undertaking proactive testing. So we will be exposed to new waves of infection, and increasingly it will not be possible to stop the virus at our borders. We also cannot isolate Singapore and shut ourselves from the world. So despite our best efforts, we have to be prepared for new spikes in COVID-19 cases in Singapore, as has happened elsewhere.

14. We will therefore have to redouble our efforts within Singapore. All of us have a role to play. The Government will continue to put in resources to detect and isolate all cases of infection, as well as identify and quarantine their close contacts so as to break the chain of infection. Individuals will need to continue with practices that have proven effective in reducing the spread of infectious diseases. These include:

- Staying home when unwell and during the period covered by medical certificates;
- Practising good personal hygiene such as washing hands regularly with soap and water, and not touching the face unnecessarily; and
- Cleaning up after oneself at hawker centres and not sharing utensils.

These need to become part of our daily life permanently. Such habits will enable us to resist infections like COVID-19, while going about our daily lives normally as much as possible.

[1] Refers to eight administrative regions in northern Italy: Aosta Valley, Piedmont, Liguria, Lombardy, Emilia-Romagna, Veneto, Friuli-Venezia Giulia and Trentino-Alto Adige/Südtirol.

[2] Travellers from Italy and the Republic of Korea do not require visas to visit Singapore.

[3] Travellers who meet the clinical suspect case definition will be conveyed directly to the hospital.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH  
3 MARCH 2020



**MOH'S PRESS RELEASE ON THE ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO PREVENT FURTHER IMPORTATION AND SPREAD OF COVID-19 CASES, DATED 13 MARCH 2020**



**MINISTRY OF HEALTH**  
SINGAPORE

Press Release

Singapore will implement additional precautionary measures to slow the transmission of the COVID-19 virus. These include travel advisories against all non-essential travel and border restrictions for Italy, France, Spain and Germany, as well as additional social distancing measures within Singapore.

2. The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic on 11 March 2020, and called upon governments around the world to do more to combat the virus. The WHO cited Singapore as a country that has already taken proactive measures to contain the virus. Still, as the co-chairs of the Multi-Ministry Taskforce said on Tuesday, and as the Prime Minister warned in a national broadcast yesterday, we must take additional measures, including further temporary travel restrictions, to break the transmission of the virus.

3. In the past two weeks, the number of cases of COVID-19 outside China has increased more than ten-fold, and the number of affected countries has tripled. There are now more than 125,000 cases in 118 countries, and more than 4,000 deaths. In Singapore, as of 12 March, almost 25% of our total number of confirmed cases were imported. Over the past ten days alone, there have been 23 imported cases, or nearly a third of all new cases. These included 13 cases with travel history to European countries, and six cases from Indonesia.

**Travel advisory**

4. In light of the rapid spread of the virus across Europe, the Ministry of Health (MOH) advises Singaporeans to defer all non-essential travel to Italy, France, Spain and Germany. The four countries have had very high numbers of cases and very high rates of increase. In addition, our existing advisory to defer all travel to Hubei province in mainland China, and non-essential travel to the rest of mainland China, Iran<sup>1</sup>, Japan and the Republic of Korea, remains.

5. Singaporeans are also advised to exercise caution when travelling to all countries affected by COVID-19, especially those which have exported cases (see [Annex](#)). These include our neighbouring countries, like Indonesia and the Philippines, and those further afield, like the United Kingdom. The global picture is evolving, and there could be other countries that may be affected.

6. Singaporeans who have made plans to travel during the upcoming March school holidays are advised to review their plans based on the latest advisory. 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 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.



## **Border restrictions**

7. Given the increase in imported cases from European countries, we are putting in place new border restrictions.

a. From 15 March 2020, 2359 hours, all new visitors with recent travel history to Italy, France, Spain and Germany within the last 14 days will not be allowed entry into Singapore, or transit through Singapore.

b. From 15 March 2020, 2359 hours, the following groups will be issued with a Stay-Home Notice (SHN):

i. Residents (Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents) with recent travel history to Italy, France, Spain and Germany within the last 14 days; and

ii. Long-term pass holders (including work passes, Student's Pass, Dependant's Pass, and Long-term Visit Pass) with recent travel history to Italy, France, Spain and Germany within the last 14 days.

8. Persons under SHN will have to remain in their place of residence at all times for 14 days after returning to Singapore.

9. As previously announced, residents and long-term pass holders returning from mainland China (outside Hubei province<sup>2</sup>), Iran, and the Republic of Korea will continue to be issued a 14-day SHN upon return to Singapore.

10. All these border restrictions are temporary, and will be reviewed regularly based on the global situation.

## **Additional precautionary measures**

11. Since 4 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<sup>3</sup>, 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.

12. With immediate effect, Singapore will cease port calls for all cruise vessels.

## **Social distancing**

13. In order to reduce the risk of local transmission, we will introduce requirements and advisories for events and gatherings, workplaces and public venues. This is to limit large crowds gathering in close proximity over a prolonged duration.

### Advisory for events and gatherings

14. All ticketed cultural, sports and entertainment events, with 250 participants or more, are to be deferred or cancelled. For events that have already been committed (e.g. tickets sold), organisers must demonstrate that satisfactory precautionary measures have been put in place before they can proceed.

15. For all other mass gatherings including private functions and religious services, organisers are advised to put in place the following precautions:

a. Reduce the scale of events to below 250 participants where possible;

b. Reduce the crowding of participants and improve ventilation. For example, participants could be seated at least a metre apart from one another, and be advised to reduce contact with others (e.g. avoid shaking hands);

c. Put in place temperature and health screening measures, as well as turn away persons who are unwell; and

d. Put in place measures to facilitate contact tracing if needed, such as obtaining contact details of participants.

16. Participants are also advised to practise social responsibility - monitor their own health condition and avoid attending gatherings and events if unwell.

#### Advisory for workplaces

17. Employers are advised to put in place measures to reduce close contact where feasible. For example, employers should implement tele-commuting and video-conferencing where possible, as well as stagger work hours, and allow employees to commute at off-peak hours. Seating in meeting rooms and work stations could also be spaced apart.

#### Advisory for public venues

18. Owners/ tenants of venues which are accessible to the public are advised to put in place measures to reduce close contact by patrons/customers, where possible. For instance:

a. Dining venues could set seats at least a metre apart;

b. Entertainment venues and tourist attractions (e.g. casinos, cinemas, theme parks, museums, and galleries) could limit the number of visitors at any one time, and/or increase spacing among visitors; and

c. Sports centres with indoor facilities (e.g. gyms, private academies) could limit the number of patrons, introduce physical separation measures, increase the frequency of cleaning, as well as issue advisories to reduce unnecessary contact, and practise public hygiene.

19. The above advisories for events, gatherings, workplaces and public venues will be subject to further review based on the global situation.

### **MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

**13 MARCH 2020**

<sup>1</sup> The Ministry of Foreign Affairs' advisory issued on 8 January 2020 against travelling to or remaining in Iran due to rising tensions in the Middle East remains in place.

<sup>2</sup> Persons returning from Hubei province are subject to quarantine.

<sup>3</sup> Places where foreign visitors serve out their SHN period can include hotels.

**MOH'S PRESS RELEASE ON THE ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO PREVENT FURTHER IMPORTATION AND SPREAD OF COVID-19 CASES, DATED 15 MARCH 2020**

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH**  
SINGAPORE

## Press Release

Singapore will implement additional precautionary measures to further reduce the risk of importation of COVID-19 to Singapore. These include travel advisories against all non-essential travel abroad, and further restrictions on travellers coming into Singapore.

2. Globally, there are now more than 150,000 COVID-19 cases and more than 5,000 deaths across 135 countries, and the numbers are increasing rapidly. There have been more than 25,000 new cases since as recently as 12 March (when the Multi-Ministry Taskforce last issued precautionary measures) and a majority of these cases were reported outside of China. The World Health Organization (WHO) has indicated that the epicentre of the outbreak has now shifted to Europe, and there are now more cases reported outside of China daily than that reported in China at the height of its epidemic. The number of new cases imported into mainland China from overseas has also surpassed its number of locally transmitted new infections.

3. In the past three days<sup>3</sup> alone, Singapore has seen an increase of 25 new cases. Of these, more than three-quarters were imported cases, of which close to 90 percent were Singapore Residents (Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents) and Singapore Long Term Pass holders who had returned to Singapore from overseas. During the same period, more than one quarter of imported cases were from ASEAN countries. We have seen a number of these cases entering Singapore for the purpose of seeking medical care, which imposes a significant burden on Singapore's healthcare resources during this critical period when we are focused on containing the situation within Singapore.

### **Border restrictions**

4. Based on this latest situation, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce will put in place additional border restriction measures. From 16 March 2020, 2359 hours, all travellers (including Singapore Residents, Long Term Pass holders, and short-term visitors) entering Singapore with recent travel history to ASEAN countries<sup>4</sup>, Japan, Switzerland, or the United Kingdom within the last 14 days will be issued with a 14-day Stay-Home

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<sup>3</sup> As of 14 March, 12pm.

<sup>4</sup> ASEAN countries besides Singapore: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam.

Notice (SHN).<sup>5</sup> In addition, 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. They may also be swabbed for testing for COVID-19, even if asymptomatic. This is because of the risk of community transmission in these countries and evidence of cases that have been imported from these countries into Singapore.

5. In addition to the SHN requirement, from 16 March 2020, 2359 hours, all short-term visitors who are nationals of any ASEAN country will have to submit requisite information on their health to the Singapore Overseas Mission in the country they are resident before their intended date of travel. The submission will have to be approved by Singapore's Ministry of Health (MOH) before travel to Singapore, and the approval will be verified by the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) officers at the Singapore checkpoints. Short-term visitors who arrive in Singapore without the necessary approval will be denied entry into Singapore. They are therefore advised to secure the approval before making definitive travel bookings.

6. The Ministry of Manpower (MOM) will also introduce new measures for Foreign Domestic Workers entering Singapore. More details will be announced by MOM.

7. As previously announced, residents and long-term pass holders returning from mainland China (outside Hubei province<sup>6</sup>), Iran, Italy, France, Germany, Republic of Korea, and Spain will continue to be issued a 14-day SHN upon return to Singapore, while short-term visitors from these areas will not be allowed to enter or transit through Singapore.

8. All travellers entering Singapore and exhibiting fever and/or other symptoms of respiratory illness are required to undergo a COVID-19 swab test at the checkpoints, regardless of travel history. 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.

9. Persons under SHN will have to remain in their place of residence at all times for 14 days after entering Singapore.

10. Singapore's border control measures in relation to COVID-19, including the new ones announced in this press statement, are summarised in the [Annex](#). These border restrictions will be reviewed in 30 days. The Taskforce may extend the border restriction measures to more countries as the global and local situation evolves.

## **Travel advisory**

11. With immediate effect, Singaporeans are advised to defer all non-essential travel abroad. This advisory will apply for 30 days, and will be reviewed thereafter.

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<sup>5</sup> The SHN will not apply to travellers transiting in Singapore without leaving the transit area.

<sup>6</sup> Persons returning from Hubei province are subject to quarantine.

This is to reduce the risk of Singaporeans contracting COVID-19 infection while overseas during this global pandemic.

12. 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.

13. 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.

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH**  
**15 MARCH 2020**

**HEALTH ADVISORY ON CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) FOR OPERATORS, OWNERS, MASTERS, PERSONS IN CHARGE AND CREW MEMBERS OF HARBOUR AND PLEASURE CRAFT**

**Precautions to take to minimise the risk of COVID-19 infection**

1. Operators, owners, masters and persons-in-charge and crew members of harbour craft and pleasure craft should take the following precautions:

- a. Avoid contact with live animals including poultry and birds;
- b. Avoid consumption of raw and undercooked meat;
- c. Avoid crowded places and close contact with people who are unwell or showing symptoms of illness;
- d. Observe good personal hygiene;
- e. Practice frequent hand washing with soap;
- f. Wear a mask if you have respiratory symptoms such as a cough or runny nose;
- g. Cover one's mouth with tissue paper when coughing or sneezing, and dispose the soiled tissue paper in the rubbish bin immediately;
- h. Seek medical attention promptly if you are feeling unwell
- i. Minimise unnecessary interactions with the ship's crew

**Managing unwell passenger(s)**

2. The typical symptoms of the COVID-19 are:

- a. Fever (temperature above 37.5 degree Celsius);
- b. Runny nose;
- c. Cough; and
- d. Shortness of breath

3. Masters/crew members who notice any passenger who is unwell and displaying the above symptoms should:

- a. Notify the operators, owners, or persons-in-charge who should then immediately report this to the Marine Safety Control Centre (Tel: +65 6325-2488/2489) and arrange for appropriate medical assistance.
- b. Provide a surgical mask to the passenger who is unwell.
- c. Wear a surgical mask when attending to the passenger who is unwell.
- d. Surgical masks should be changed regularly, and if they are soiled or wet.
- e. If a surgical mask is not available, the passenger should cover his/ her mouth and nose with tissues when coughing.
- f. All masks, napkins, tissues, utensils and trays used by the passenger who is unwell should be disposed in leak-resistant plastic bags.

### **Monitor your health**

4. Crew members should be aware of the symptoms of COVID-19. Any crew member who develops such symptoms in Singapore within 14 days of coming into contact with a passenger who is unwell should seek medical attention immediately. The crew member should wear a mask and call the clinic ahead of his/her visit.

**HEALTH ADVISORY ON CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) FOR SHORE PERSONNEL VISITING SHIPS ALONGSIDE THE WHARVES AND AT THE ANCHORAGES**

1. Managers/supervisors of terminal operators, agents, contractors and service providers are to take note of the following health advisory and bring it to the attention of shore personnel who are required to work on board ships.

**Precautions to take to minimise the risk of infection**

2. Shore personnel refer to any persons, other than the ship's crew, who are required to board ships alongside wharves or at the anchorages to deliver services requested by ships. They include staff of terminal operators, agents, contractors and service providers.

3. To minimise the risk of COVID-19 infection, all personnel should take the following precautions:

- a. Avoid contact with live animals including poultry and birds;
- b. Avoid consumption of raw and undercooked meat;
- c. Avoid crowded places and close contact with people who are unwell or showing symptoms of illness;
- d. Observe good personal hygiene;
- e. Practise frequent hand washing with soap;
- f. Wear a mask if you have respiratory symptoms such as a cough or runny nose;
- g. Cover one's mouth with tissue paper when coughing or sneezing, and dispose the soiled tissue paper in the rubbish bin immediately;
- h. Seek medical attention promptly if you are feeling unwell; and
- i. Minimise unnecessary interactions with the ship's crew

4. Managers/supervisors should closely monitor the health of shore personnel who are required to work on board ships. Shore personnel exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, runny nose, sore throat, cough, and shortness of breath, should not be sent on board ships. Medical attention should be sought immediately.

5. Before boarding any ship, shore personnel should check with the ship master or duty officer if there are any procedures and/or guidelines to be observed, and adhere to them when on board the ship.



**HEALTH ADVISORY ON CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) FOR SHIPOWNERS, SHIP MANAGERS, AGENTS AND MASTERS OF SINGAPORE REGISTERED SHIPS**

1. The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) urges operators of Singapore Registered Ships (SRS) to take precautionary measures, as well as to remain vigilant and adopt good hygiene practices at all times.
2. Shipowners, ship managers, agents and masters of SRS are to closely monitor the health of their crew on board. If they develop any of the symptoms of the COVID-19, they should be given immediate medical attention. The typical symptoms of the COVID-19 are:
  - a. Fever (temperature above 37.5 degree Celsius);
  - b. Runny nose;
  - c. Cough; and
  - d. Shortness of breath
3. Ship crew who feel unwell, experience respiratory symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath) or feel feverish, should inform the ship master immediately. The ship master should then inform the company, destination port authority and ship agent to make the necessary arrangements to seek medical attention. Shipowners and masters are to report all occurrences to MPA using the report form found in MPA Shipping Circular No. 4 of 2013.
4. For further information on the COVID-19, please visit the Ministry of Health website at [www.moh.gov.sg](http://www.moh.gov.sg)
5. Any queries regarding this Annex should be directed to MPA Shipping (Email: [shipping@mpa.gov.sg](mailto:shipping@mpa.gov.sg); Tel: +65 6375 6251).