

MEDIA STATEMENT

1 April 2020

10 more confirmed COVID-19 cases linked to Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home

The Ministry of Health (MOH) has announced ten new cases of COVID-19 infection linked to Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home (LAM) at 1 Thomson Lane. This forms a new cluster and takes the total number of cases linked to LAM (Thomson) to eleven¹.

2. Following the first confirmed case at LAM (Thomson) on 31 March 2020, LAM (Thomson) worked with the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) to test all the Home's residents and symptomatic staff for COVID-19 infection. Of the ten new cases detected, eight are residents at the Home (Cases 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990). The remaining new cases are a staff (Case 976) of LAM (Thomson), who cared for female residents at the home, and a family member of the staff, Case 973.

3. Since 31 March 2020, all staff caring for the Home's female residents had been placed on Quarantine Order (QO). With the new cases, the remaining staff have also been placed on QO starting from today. MOH and AIC are working to provide LAM (Thomson) with manpower support during this period to ensure service continuity, so that its residents will not be affected.

4. Case 973 works in a non-patient facing role at Moral Home for the Aged Sick (Moral Home). He has not been at work since onset of symptoms. AIC has also been in contact with Moral Home, which has stepped up vigilance in monitoring the health status of residents and staff. So far, all its residents are well.

Additional precautionary measures for Nursing Homes

5. MOH and AIC have issued an advisory on 1 April 2020 on enhanced precautionary measures for all Nursing Homes (NHs). The additional precautionary measures that all NHs must adhere to include:

- i. Suspension of all visitors to all NHs from 2 April 2020 until 30 April 2020. Nursing homes will offer caregivers alternative options such as telephone or video calls. MOH will review the situation closer to date.
- ii. Safe distancing for all NH residents.
- iii. NHs with more than 200 beds will begin to implement split-zones.
- iv. Reminder that staff who are unwell must not turn up for work.

¹ The first case at LAM (Thomson) - case 918 - was announced by MOH on 31 March 2020. She is an 86-year-old resident and is currently in an isolation room at NCID.



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6. MOH and AIC have also reiterated that NHs are to adhere strictly to advisories on COVID-19 precautionary measures. MOH and AIC will continue to monitor the situation closely, and work with the NHs to ensure the safety and wellbeing of their residents and staff.

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