

MEDIA STATEMENT

31 March 2020

Nursing home resident diagnosed with COVID-19

One of the COVID-19 cases announced by the Ministry of Health (MOH) today (Case 918) is an 86-year-old resident at Lee Ah Mooi (LAM) Old Age Home at 1 Thomson Lane. The resident's test results confirmed COVID-19 infection on 31 March 2020 and the resident is now in an isolation room at Tan Tock Seng Hospital.

2. LAM has conducted a thorough cleaning and disinfection of the ward and affected areas of the Home. It has reached out to the family of the resident to offer support. The families of the other residents within the Home have also been informed of the case, and LAM is closely monitoring the health of all its residents and staff.

3. LAM has been taking precautions according to the Ministry of Health (MOH)'s and Agency for Integrated Care (AIC)'s advisories on COVID-19. Current measures include screening visitors for travel history, fever and respiratory symptoms, and limiting the number of visitors, taking down the particulars of visitors, stepping up environmental cleaning and hand hygiene and twice daily temperature taking of staff and residents. LAM has also suspended large scale events and outings.

4. MOH and AIC have worked with LAM to identify staff and residents who had close contact with the resident. Affected staff will be placed under quarantine, and will not be able to care for residents during their quarantine. We are also working with LAM to ensure continuity of service and the wellbeing of the residents. As an added precautionary measure, MOH, AIC and LAM have agreed to suspend all visitors to the Home until 30 April 2020. MOH and AIC will continue to monitor the situation closely, and work with the management and staff at LAM to ensure the safety and wellbeing of residents and staff.

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