

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

8 May 2020

### **Nursing home staff diagnosed with COVID-19**

One of the COVID-19 cases announced by the Ministry of Health (MOH) today (Case 21,161) is a 35-year-old Resident Care Associate at the nursing home operated by Ren Ci at 10 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 8. She was confirmed to have COVID-19 infection on 7 May 2020 after being tested as part of MOH's ongoing surveillance tests at nursing homes.

2. The staff is currently warded in an isolation room at the National Centre for Infectious Diseases. Prior to hospital admission, she had gone to work. While at work, she had complied with enhanced precautionary measures undertaken by the nursing home, including the donning of necessary personal protective equipment when caring for residents at the home.

3. The case was detected as a result of MOH's extensive testing in all nursing homes to protect the well-being of staff and residents. This ensures that any COVID-19 infections are detected as early as possible, to enable disease management as well as to limit transmission.

4. We have been working closely with the nursing homes since the additional support measures were introduced last week. The precautionary measure to test all staff and residents, along with facilitating all resident-facing staff to stay in designated accommodation facilities at their nursing homes or at hotels to reduce their exposure to the community during the circuit breaker period, helps to create a safe environment for residents and staff at the homes. This complements existing measures on safe distancing, as well as visitor and movement restrictions, which the homes had implemented earlier.

5. We are working with Ren Ci to ensure that their residents and staff continue to be well taken care of. We will also continue to monitor the situation closely and prioritise testing for residents of nursing homes to ensure their safety and well-being.

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## **Translation of key terms**

1. Agency for Integrated Care: 护联中心
2. Ren Ci Nursing Home at Ang Mo Kio: 仁慈宏茂桥疗养院