

MEDIA STATEMENT

Nursing home resident diagnosed with COVID-19

One of the COVID-19 cases announced by the Ministry of Health (MOH) today (Case 2561) is a 77-year-old resident at Vanguard Healthcare's Woodlands Care Home (WLCH) at 2 Woodlands Rise. The resident's test results confirmed the COVID-19 infection on the afternoon of 12 April 2020. The resident is now in an isolation room at Khoo Teck Puat Hospital.

2. MOH and the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) have been in close contact with WLCH to provide advice and support in managing the situation. WLCH has conducted a thorough cleaning and disinfection of the ward and affected areas of the Home. Contact tracing is ongoing and those who had close contact with the resident will be quarantined. We are working to provide WLCH with manpower support during this period if required to ensure service continuity, so that its residents will not be affected.

3. The Senior Care Centre which is co-located at WLCH is one of the designated centres that are opened during this circuit breaker period to care for clients who have no alternative arrangements. With the confirmed case, WLCH will be closing the centre as an added precaution. Alternative arrangements have been made for the centre's clients. We have also designated another centre as a replacement.

4. Since 1 April 2020, nursing homes have implemented enhanced precautionary measures which include:

- i. Suspension of all visitors to all nursing homes from 2 April 2020 until 4 May 2020. MOH will review the situation closer to date.
- ii. Safe distancing for all nursing home 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.

5. We will continue to monitor the situation closely, and work with the nursing homes to ensure the safety and wellbeing of their residents and staff.

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Translation of key terms

1. Agency for Integrated Care: 护联中心
2. Vanguard Healthcare: 先锋保健集团
3. Woodlands Care Home: 兀兰养生居
4. Vanguard Senior Care Centre (Woodlands): 兀兰乐龄护理中心