

## MEDIA STATEMENT

22 April 2020

### Two cases of COVID-19 infection in nursing homes

There have been two confirmed cases of COVID-19 infection in nursing homes announced by the Ministry of Health (MOH) on 21 April 2020 and 22 April 2020. They are cases 8407 and 10,127.

2. Case 8407 is a 40-year-old healthcare assistant at Sunshine Welfare Action Mission (SWAMI) Home at 5 Sembawang Walk. She was confirmed to have COVID-19 infection on 20 April. The staff is currently warded in an isolation room at Khoo Teck Puat Hospital and was last at work on 19 April.

3. Case 10,127 is a 86-year-old resident at Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWSH) at 705 Serangoon Road. She was confirmed to have COVID-19 infection on 21 April 2020. The resident is now warded in an isolation room at Tan Tock Seng Hospital.

4. In consultation with the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC), SWAMI Home and KWSH have taken additional precautionary measures. This includes a thorough cleaning and disinfection of the ward and affected areas of both Homes. Contact tracing is ongoing and those who had close contact with the confirmed cases will be quarantined. MOH and AIC stand ready to assist SWAMI Home and KWSH with additional support during this period if required, to ensure service continuity for their residents.

5. 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.
- ii. Safe distancing for all nursing home residents.
- iii. Nursing homes with more than 200 beds to implement split-zones.
- iv. Reminder that staff who are unwell must not turn up for work.

6. We will continue to monitor the situation closely, and work with the nursing homes to ensure the safety and well-being of their residents and staff.

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## **Translation of key terms**

1. Agency for Integrated Care: 护联中心
2. Sunshine Welfare Action Mission Home: 阳光福利协会
3. Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital: 广惠肇留医院