



Sree Narayana Mission (Singapore)

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SPECIAL ISSUE

Wuhan Coronavirus (2019nCoV) – SNM (Singapore) Takes Prudential Measures

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared the coronavirus epidemic in China with Wuhan as the epicentre of the outbreak, a public health emergency of international concern on Thursday, 30 January 2020.

Experts say that the outbreak can last over a few months at least. Although the number of confirmed cases in Singapore have surpassed 10, there is currently no widespread local community transmission.

In response to the outbreak, Sree Narayana Mission (Singapore) is stepping up on its measures and is closely following the health advisories issued by the Ministry of Health (MOH), the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) and the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MFS).

An Ops team was formed comprising key staff members, 2 residents and a volunteer, to ensure that these advisories are adhered to across all SNM (Singapore)'s facilities.



“SNM (Singapore) is fully confident that the measures introduced to date (and any future measures) by MOH/AIC and the inter-ministerial task force will be effective in successfully overcoming this situation provided Community partner organisations and individuals in the community work hand in hand with the authorities.”

- Mr S. Devendran, CEO
(Quote from Tamil Murasu, 30 January 2020)

To support these efforts, a mission statement has been promulgated by the CEO:

Sree Narayana Mission (Singapore) will proactively and swiftly implement MOH/AIC directives to prevent, mitigate and manage the spread of the 2019nCoV virus (Wuhan) across SNM (Singapore)'s facilities, programmes and services as to ensure the wellbeing of residents, clients, beneficiaries and staff.

The following precautionary measures have been implemented across the Mission since mid January:

- **Temperature Screen:** All visitors and staff are expected to undergo a temperature screening with immediate effect.
- **Travel Declaration:** All visitors have to complete a travel declaration form for record purposes. Visitors who have been to China within the last 14 days are to inform our staff immediately. In addition, the Mission is also closely monitoring the travel movements of all staff as a prudential measure.
- **Increased Frequency in Cleaning:** The Mission has also stepped up on cleaning efforts to keep the premises safe and clean.
- **Temporary Suspension of Volunteer-Driven Events and Activities:** The Mission has placed a temporary suspension on all events and programmes involving residents, volunteers, clients and beneficiaries until further notice. An Annual Chinese New Year Dinner, which was planned on 29 January 2020 at the Sree Narayana Mission Nursing Home, was cancelled as a precautionary measure to prevent the risk of the virus transmission within the home.

As the situation continues to evolve, we strongly urge all members to **defer non-essential travel to mainland China and adopt good personal hygiene practices.**

These are some useful tips from the Ministry of Health to keep safe!

ADVISORY ON THE WUHAN CORONAVIRUS IN CHINA

DEFER non-essential travel to mainland China
due to evolving Wuhan virus situation

If you are travelling overseas, **DON'T**



Go near live animals, including poultry & birds



Eat raw and undercooked meats



Be in crowded places and around people who are unwell

DO



Wash hands frequently with soap



Wear a mask if you have a cough or runny nose



Cover your mouth with a tissue paper when coughing or sneezing



See a doctor if you feel unwell



Upon return to Singapore, monitor your health closely for 2 weeks and see a doctor if unwell.

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WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP AND WATER REGULARLY.



DO NOT WEAR A MASK IF YOU ARE WELL

WEAR A MASK ONLY IF YOU EXPERIENCE THE SYMPTOMS BELOW:



- Fever
- Cough
- Runny Nose

With effect from 1 February 2020, every Singapore household is entitled to receive four surgical face masks, which will be made available progressively at 89 Community Centres (CCs) and 654 Residents' Committee (RC) centres.

HOW TO WEAR A MASK?



It should **COVER YOUR MOUTH, NOSE AND CHIN**, with the coloured side facing outwards.



PINCH THE METAL EDGE OF THE MASK so that it presses gently on your nose bridge.



Remove a used mask by **HOLDING ONLY THE EAR LOOPS.**



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