

Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

91 new confirmed cases of Influenza A (H1N1-2009)

Situational Report

Singapore has confirmed 91 new cases (879th – 969th case) of Influenza A (H1N1-2009) today, bringing the total tally to 969 confirmed cases. Investigations are on-going for the remaining 97 cases. Of the 89 cases investigated yesterday, there were 61 local cases and 28 imported cases.

Coping with Influenza A (H1N1- 2009)

2. H1N1 is now a global pandemic. It is widely circulating in all countries and communities. The virus is here to stay, just like other influenza strains. Fortunately, the current strain remains mild, except for high-risk individuals with underlying medical conditions where complications and even deaths may occur. Our focus is on caring for those with more severe illness.
3. Many countries no longer track the number of infected cases or report them. The listing of countries with reported confirmed cases is therefore becoming misleading.
4. Likewise, travel advisory is also becoming less useful as the risk of picking up the virus at home or in any other country has evened. That is why the WHO does not recommend any travel advisory.
5. Instead, the approach in managing this virus should be largely based on personal responsibility. All Singaporeans should observe good personal hygiene at all times. If they are unwell with flu-like symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose), they should promptly seek medical attention. If the symptoms are mild, their usual GPs, or the nearest Pandemic Preparedness Clinic or polyclinics, would be able to assess them.

Press Release

PPC and polyclinic doctors have been especially equipped to assess the patient's condition and treat him/her. Laboratory testing for Influenza A (H1N1-2009) is not available in PPCs and polyclinics and is not necessary before they commence treatment.. Based on the severity of the illness and other risk factors, they may refer patients to hospitals for further management.

6. MOH will continue, for the moment, to list the countries with reported confirmed cases and/or exported H1N1 cases to Singapore, on MOH's website at www.moh.gov.sg. But we intend to cease such listing, as more countries stop reporting their cases.

Breakdown of Total Confirmed Cases

DETAILS OF NEWLY INVESTIGATED CASES

	Classification	New cases	Total
(1)	LOCAL	61	504
A)	Community clusters		
	Riverlife Church	0	10
	Butter Factory	0	44
	Workplace	0	3
	Republic Polytechnic	4	95
	Fishermen of Christ Church	0	13
	Maju Camp	0	23
	NUS Orientation Camp	0	6
	Pulau Tekong Camp	1	10
	Clementi Camp	1	58
	Police Coast Guard (Brani Base)	1	8
	Social (Party)	0	4

Press Release

	Social (Tour Group)	10	16
	Raffles Institution Boarding	0	4
	Jurong Camp	1	7
	NUH Cluster	4	5
B)	Local transmission from imported case.	1	17
C)	Unlinked	38	181
(2)	<i>IMPORTED</i>	28	368
TOTAL		89	872

BREAKDOWN OF TOTAL IMPORTED CASES

Countries	Number of cases
Singapore	500
Australia	99
The Philippines	88
Indonesia	69
United States	43
Thailand	33
UK	14
Hong Kong	12
Japan	4
Canada	3
New Zealand	3
Malaysia	1
Chile	1
Korea	1
Cruise	1
Total	872

Press Release

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

3 July 2009
