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## CIRCULAR TO MEMBERS

17 February 2020

Dear Members,

1. In view of the evolving COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) situation, the government has stepped up precautionary measures accordingly.
2. The Ministry of Manpower (MOM) has received feedback that foreign workers are feeling worried and afraid. As such, we seek your help to assure your workers and educate them on how to stay safe by protecting themselves. As employers, you should regularly check MOM's website at [www.mom.gov.sg/covid-19](http://www.mom.gov.sg/covid-19) for the latest advisories and update your workers on the current COVID-19 situation to reassure them.
3. Please remind your workers on the protective measures to take. There are relevant materials at <https://www.mom.gov.sg/passes-and-permits/work-permit-for-foreign-worker/publications-and-resources> (available in English, Tamil, Bengali and Chinese) that you can share with your workers. You may also obtain relevant information infographics by MOH for your use at [www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19/resources](http://www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19/resources). You may look out for the following:
  - Advisory booklet on precautionary measures
  - Video – What is a mask for?
  - Poster on Practising Good Hygiene
4. We would like to seek your help to display the Advisory on Precautionary Measures and the poster attached, within your workplace and worksites where your workers can read. Please disseminate the above resources to your workers and share updates from the MOH website ([www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19](http://www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19)) and gov.sg Whatsapp messages regularly with them.
5. The MOM has also received feedback from hospitals that employers are dropping off workers at the hospitals to have them tested for COVID-19.
6. The Ministry would like to remind employers **Not to send workers to hospitals unless it is a medical emergency**. If the worker is unwell, the employer should send him to a general practitioner to seek medical attention, who will make a proper assessment on whether the worker needs to be sent to the hospital. Employers should monitor the health of their workers by checking their temperatures twice daily and remind them to observe good personal hygiene such as washing hands with soap frequently.
7. Hospitals will not be administering the COVID-19 tests to individuals who are well. This is to ensure that medical facilities and resources are focused on unwell individuals who need medical treatment. Our hospitals are working hard to ensure that medical emergencies are handled promptly. We encourage you to be socially responsible and only send workers to the hospital if it is a medical emergency as doing so otherwise will deny immediate treatment to those who need it.
8. The MOM iterates that employers who act irresponsibly by misusing medical facility may have their work pass privileges suspended.
9. Thank you.

Best Regards,  
ASMI SECRETARIAT

**COVID-19 – Precautionary measures**  
*(as of 15 Feb 2020)*

The Government is monitoring the COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) situation closely. While the risk of contracting COVID-19 through transient contact is low, we need to do our part to minimise the risk of further transmission.

We urge everyone to remain calm and vigilant.

**See a doctor for mild flu-like symptoms**

If you have mild flu-like symptoms like cough, runny nose, sore throat or fever:

- See a doctor
- Do not go to work
- Avoid crowds
- Stay at home

**Practise good personal hygiene habits**

We should protect ourselves by practising the following:

- Wash hands frequently with soap, especially before handling food or eating, or after going to the toilet
- Avoid touching your face with your hands
- Monitor your temperature twice daily
- Cover your mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, and dispose of soiled tissue in the bin immediately
- Avoid sharing food, drinks, utensils and other personal hygiene items
- Avoid crowded places and large gatherings and close contact with people who display flu-like symptoms. You may wish to meet friends or access services and amenities away from crowded areas

**Get accurate updates on COVID-19**

Get accurate and timely updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health website at [www.moh.gov.sg](http://www.moh.gov.sg) or subscribe to the Gov.sg WhatsApp channel at <https://go.gov.sg/whatsapp>.

It's **ORANGE** now but you can  
**STAY SAFE**  
WITH  
THE **5M'S**

Play your part in containing the spread of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) by following the **5M's**.



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## **M**ANAGE MY HEALTH

By keeping a close watch on my body for symptoms.



## **M**AINAIN CLEAN HANDS

Through good personal hygiene of regular hand washing with soap and water.



## **M**INIMISE CONTACT

With those who are unwell.



## **M**ASK UP WHEN UNWELL

And visit the doctor immediately.



## **M**ONITOR THE NEWS

With [moh.gov.sg](http://moh.gov.sg) and [Gov.sg WhatsApp](#).

**DORSCON Orange** indicates that while the disease is severe and spreads easily from person to person, it has not spread widely and is being contained in Singapore. Be socially responsible. Maintain good personal hygiene. Look out for health advisories. Comply with control measures.



### PRACTISE GOOD PERSONAL HYGIENE

The Ministry of Health has introduced additional measures to safeguard public health.

Check [www.moh.gov.sg](http://www.moh.gov.sg) for the latest updates.



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