

# Singapore's strategy to increase healthcare capacity



Tan Tock Seng Hospital



Changi Exhibition Centre



Jurong Camp II

## HOSPITALS

- All non-urgent procedures postponed
- Teleconsultations for follow-up sessions with patients
- Hospital spaces repurposed to serve as intensive care units and isolation wards

• As of last year, there were about

**9,404**

beds in public acute hospitals

**974**

beds in public community hospitals

- More medical equipment secured by hospitals
- Collaborations between public and private healthcare institutions

## HEALTHCARE MANPOWER >>

- The Government is looking to include more healthcare professionals as well as non-healthcare professionals

• Since April 7, about

**3,000**

healthcare professionals – such as former and non-practising staff – have signed up

- All are welcome and will be matched to jobs based on their skillset and the needs on the ground

## COMMUNITY CARE FACILITIES

- These are for those with mild symptoms and lower risk factors
- Three facilities now - Singapore Expo (Halls 1-6), D'Resort NTUC, Changi Exhibition Centre (above)

• Currently

**10,000**

bed spaces

• By end-June

**20,000**

bed spaces

## COMMUNITY RECOVERY FACILITIES

- These are for patients who are well after two weeks of testing positive and are waiting to see if they can be discharged

• Currently

**2,000**

bed spaces in unused Singapore Armed Forces camps

• By end-June

**10,000**

bed spaces



Healthcare workers from Singapore General Hospital



Civil Service Club @ Loyang

## SWAB ISOLATION FACILITIES

- These are for those waiting for the results of their swab tests

• Currently, more than

**4,000**

beds, including in hotels and government chalets

• Another

**3,000**

beds are in the pipeline

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**LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY**



- This can deliver the same or better outcomes with less time and effort
- Round-the-clock care in community care facilities through teleconsultations and medical kiosks
- Devices such as pulse oximeters and health apps are used to monitor patient well-being