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UPDATE ON LOCAL COVID-19 SITUATION

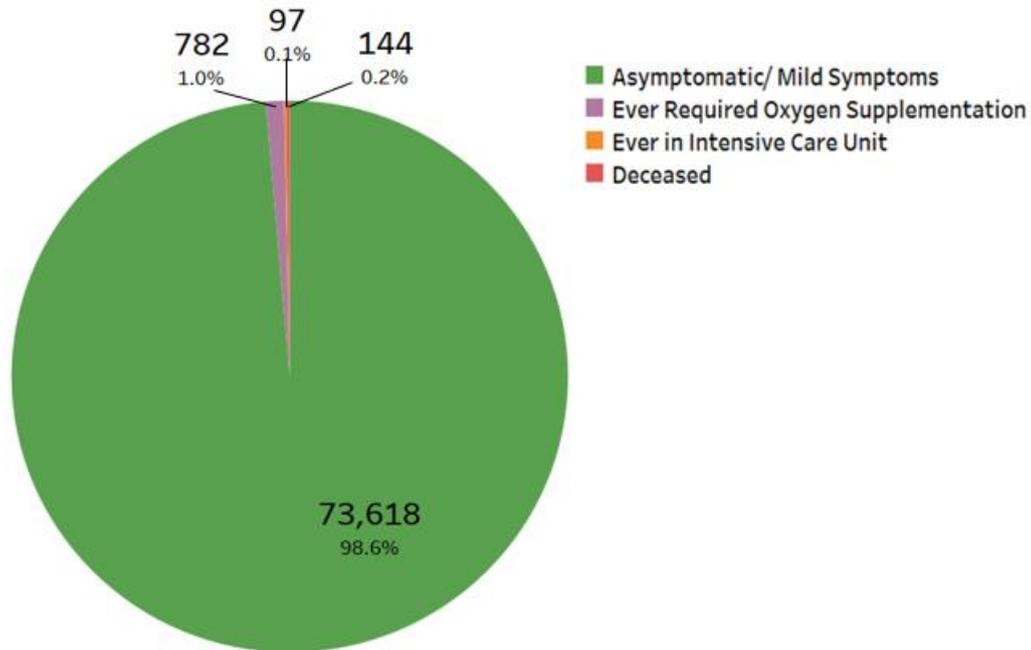
Summary of local situation

- 1,738 cases are currently warded in hospital. 338 cases require oxygen supplementation and 71 are in the intensive care unit (ICU).
- Over the last 28 days, of the 74,641 infected individuals, 98.6% had no or mild symptoms, 1.0% required oxygen supplementation, 0.1% required ICU care, and 0.2% has died.
- As of 18 October 2021, 84% of our population has completed their full regimen/ received two doses of COVID-19 vaccines, and 85% has received at least one dose.
- As of 19 October 2021, 12pm, the Ministry of Health has detected a total of 3,994 new cases of COVID-19 infection in Singapore, with 3,480 in the community, 501 in the migrant worker dormitories and 13 imported cases.
- There is a usual post-weekend surge in cases today. We will have to closely monitor cases for the next few days, to determine if this is a temporary spike or a further surge in infections.
- Nevertheless, over the past week, we have observed a rise in activity levels, including a higher number of visitors across all malls, larger crowds in the Orchard Road area, as well as a slight increase in public transport ridership.
- Unfortunately, the number of unvaccinated seniors above 60 years old and who have been infected has risen over the past few days, to well over 100 a day. They are at risk of falling very sick.
- The number of persons requiring ICU care continues to rise, and this has put our hospitals under significant pressure and strain.
- We strongly encourage everyone, especially the elderly and persons with comorbidities who are more vulnerable to severe illnesses, to limit your social activities and go out only for essential activities.

Situation update

1. Over the last 28 days, 98.6% of local infected cases were asymptomatic or had mild symptoms, 1.0% required oxygen supplementation, and 0.1% had been in the ICU. Amongst those who required oxygen supplementation and ICU, 48.6% were fully vaccinated and 51.4% were unvaccinated/ partially vaccinated.

Figure 1: Local Cases in the Last 28 Days by Severity of Condition¹

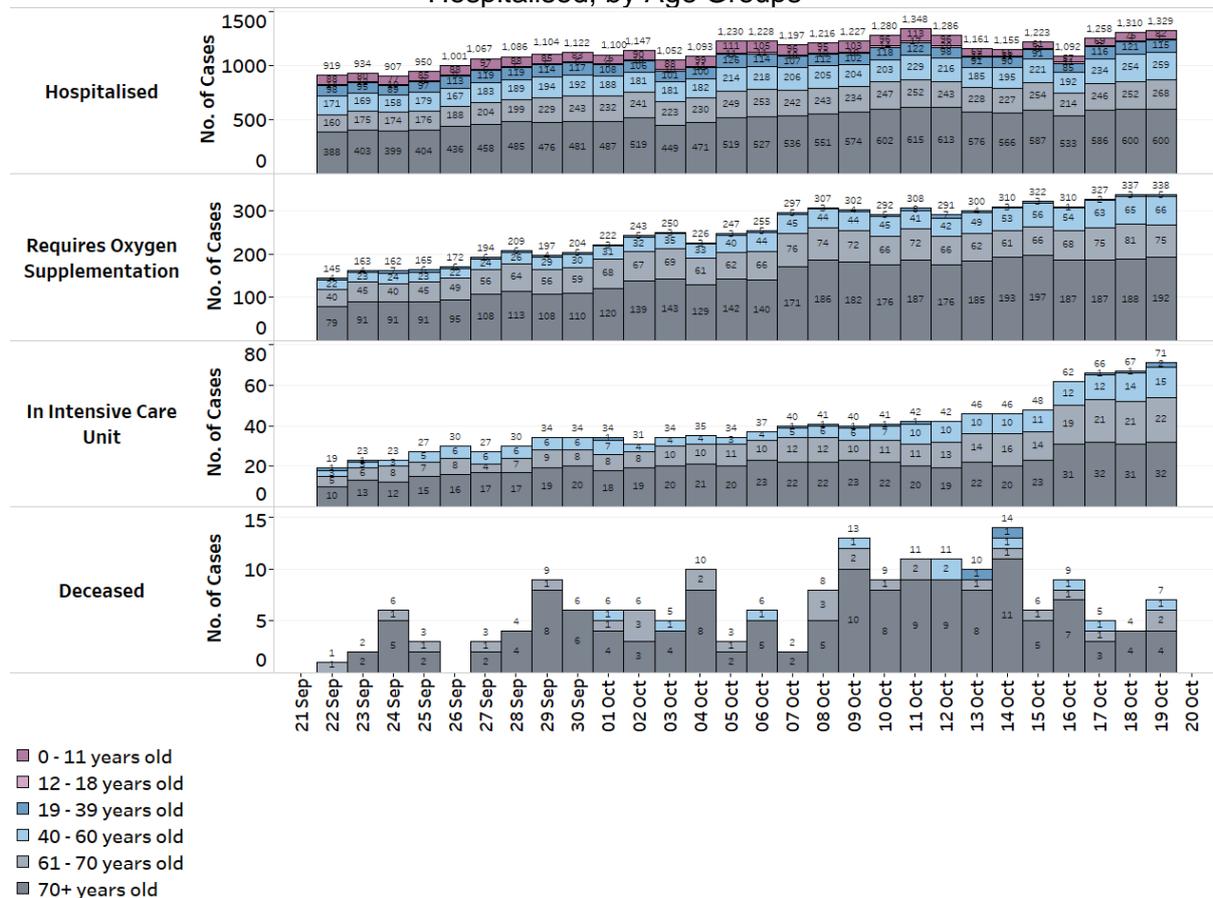


¹ Includes only new cases reported in the past 28 days. Based on cases' worst-ever condition; deceased cases previously in ICU are counted under 'Deceased' and not under 'Ever in Intensive Care Unit'.

2. 7 more cases have passed away from complications due to COVID-19 infection.² Of these, 5 were male Singaporeans and 2 were female Singaporeans, aged between 57 and 90 years. Amongst them, 3 had been unvaccinated against COVID-19, 1 had been partially vaccinated and 3 had been vaccinated. 6 of them had various underlying medical conditions, while an unvaccinated case had no known medical conditions.

3. Amongst those who have passed away over the last 28 days, 27.1% were fully vaccinated and 72.9% were unvaccinated/ partially vaccinated.

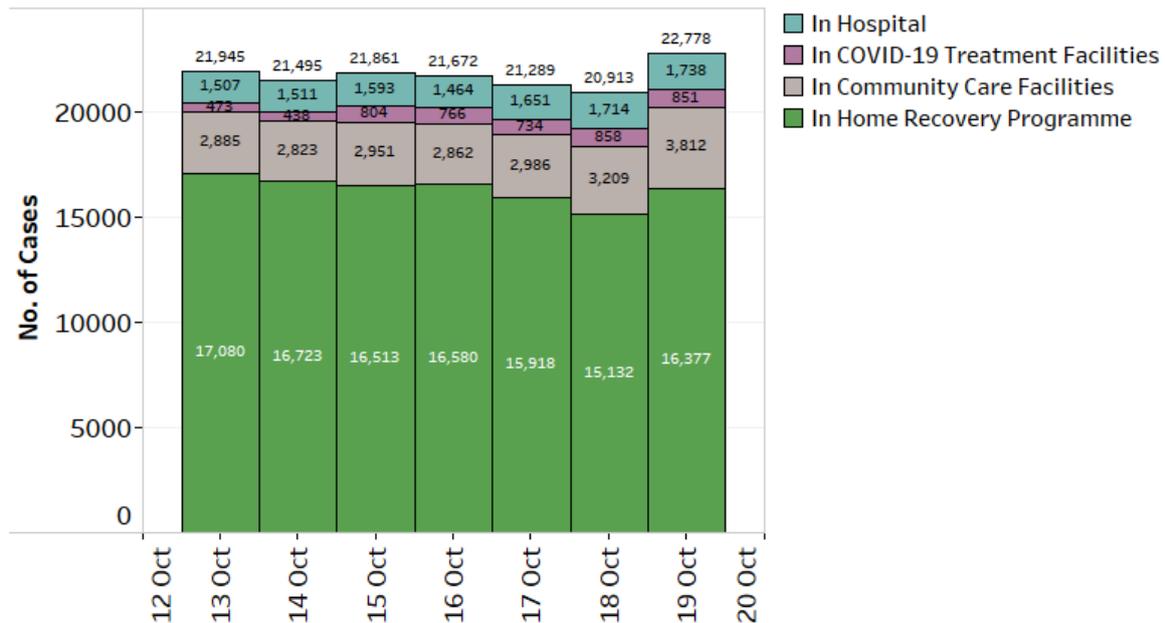
Figure 2: Deaths and Active Cases in ICU, Requiring Oxygen Supplementation or Hospitalised, by Age Groups



² Cases 66608, 73695, 87487, 119517, 130749, 142463 and 151778.

4. As of 19 October 2021, 12pm, amongst all COVID-19 community cases who have been onboarded or admitted, 16,377 (71.9%) cases are undergoing Home Recovery. 3,812 (16.7%) cases are in Community Care Facilities, 851 (3.7%) cases are in COVID-19 Treatment Facilities, and 1,738 (7.6%) COVID-19 patients are currently warded in hospital, mostly for observation. 338 require oxygen supplementation, and 71 are in the ICU.

Figure 3: Breakdown of Number of Active Cases in Hospital, COVID-19 Treatment Facilities, Community Care Facilities, and Home Recovery Programme in the Last 7 Days



Vaccination progress

5. As of 18 October 2021, 84% of our population has completed their full regimen/ received two doses of COVID-19 vaccines, and 85% has received at least one dose.

6. We have administered a total of 9,662,027 doses of COVID-19 vaccines under the national vaccination programme (Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty and Moderna). In total, 4,622,432 individuals have received at least one dose of vaccine under the national vaccination programme, and 4,562,307 individuals having completed the full vaccination regimen. In addition, 227,800 doses of other vaccines recognised in the World Health Organization’s Emergency Use Listing (WHO EUL) have been administered, covering 118,598 individuals.

7. To date, we have invited about 850,000 eligible individuals to receive their booster doses. 604,552 individuals have received their booster shots and another 96,000 have booked their appointments.

Active clusters under close monitoring

8. We are closely monitoring the clusters listed below, which have already been ringfenced through tracing, testing and isolation.

Figure 4: Large Clusters with New Cases

Cluster	New Cases	Total ³	Remarks
ECON Medicare Centre & Nursing Home (10 Buangkok View Block 5)	1	64	Transmission amongst staff and residents. Of the 64 cases, 3 are staff and 61 are residents.
Bukit Batok Home for the Aged	1	53	Transmission amongst staff and residents. Of the 53 cases, 1 is a staff and 52 are residents.
United Medicare Centre (Toa Payoh)	4	132	Transmission amongst staff and residents. Of the 132 cases, 18 are staff, 113 are residents and 1 is a household contact of a case.
St. Andrew's Nursing Home (Taman Jurong)	2	18	Transmission amongst staff and residents. Of the 18 cases, 3 are staff and 15 are residents.
MWS Christalite Methodist Home	4	114	Transmission amongst staff and residents. Of the 114 cases, 15 are staff, 98 are residents and 1 is a household contact of a case.

³ Includes new cases added today.

Summary of trends for local cases

9. As of 19 October 2021, 12pm, the Ministry of Health has detected a total of 3,994 new cases of COVID-19 infection in Singapore, comprising 3,480 community cases, 501 dormitory resident cases and 13 imported cases. Amongst the local cases today are 567 seniors who are above 60 years.

Figure 5: Number of Community Cases by Age

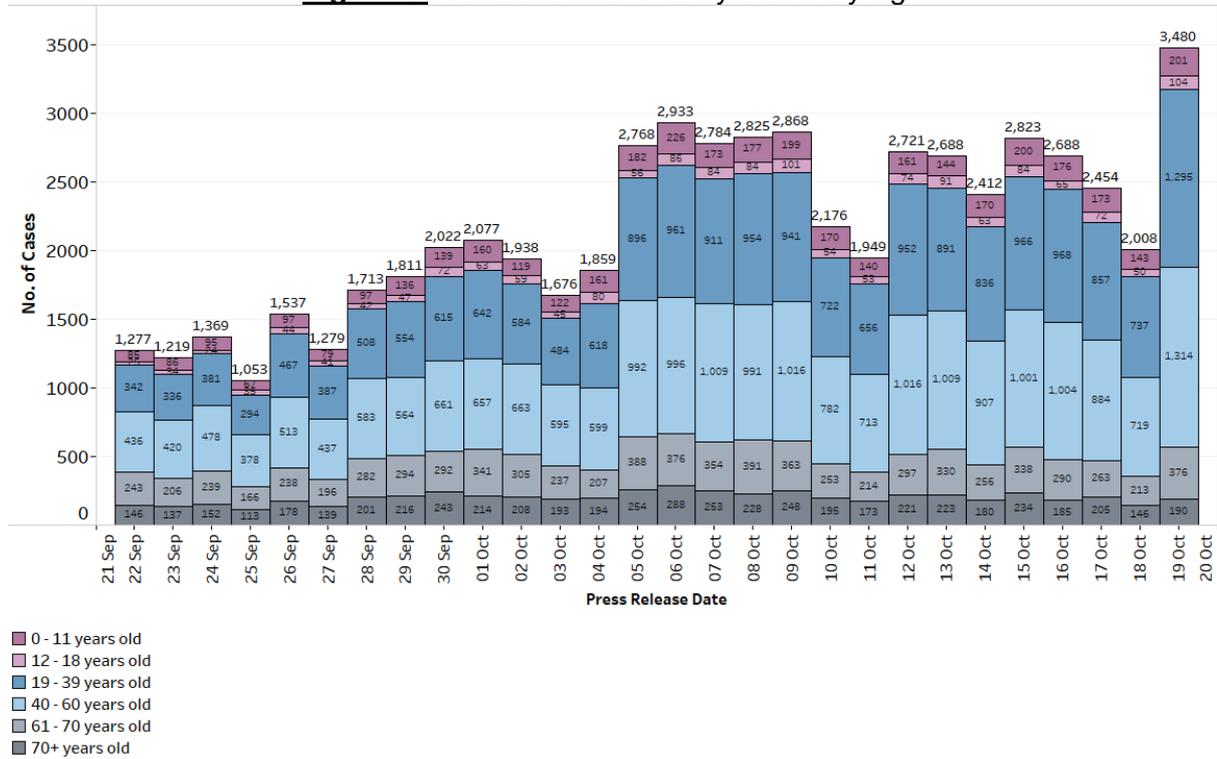
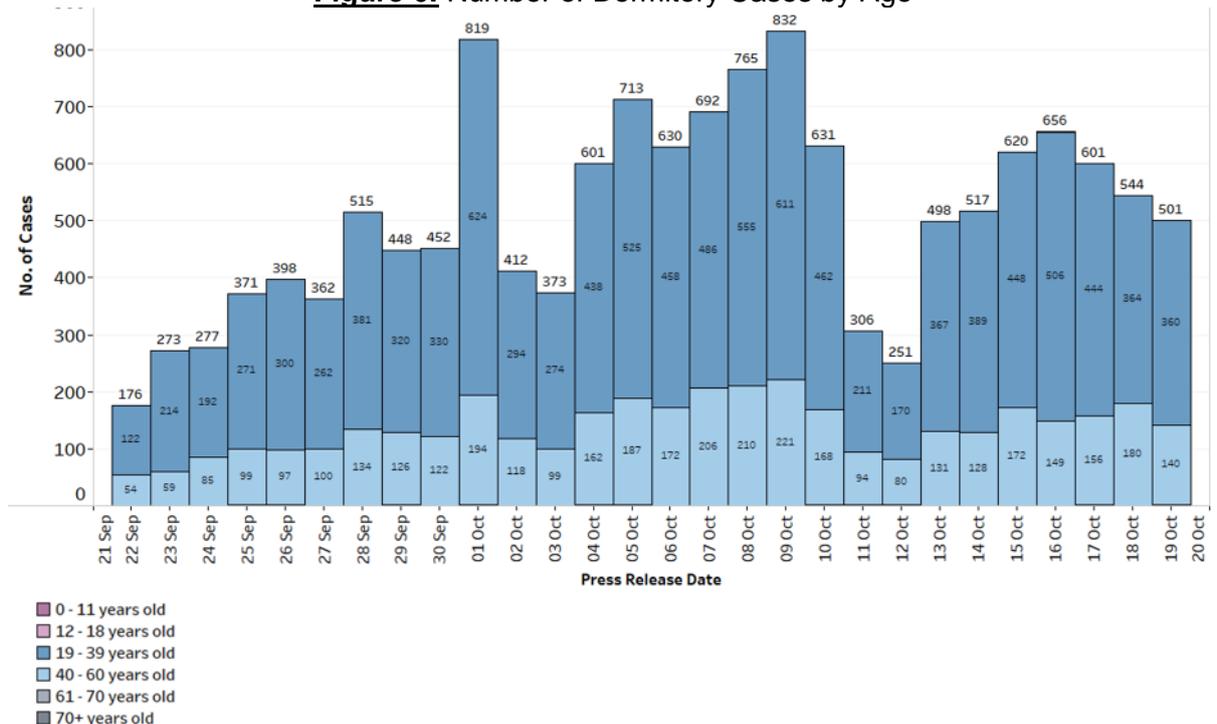


Figure 6: Number of Dormitory Cases by Age



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11. Nevertheless, over the past week, we have observed a rise in activity levels, including a higher number of visitors across all malls, larger crowds in the Orchard Road area, as well as a slight increase in public transport ridership.

12. Unfortunately, the number of unvaccinated seniors above 60 years old and who have been infected has risen over the past few days, to well over 100 a day. They are at risk of falling very sick. The number of persons requiring ICU care continues to rise, and this has put our hospitals under significant pressure and strain.

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14. Please refer to MOH's daily Situation Report (www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19/situation-report) for details.

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