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UPDATE ON LOCAL COVID-19 SITUATION

Summary of local situation

- 863 cases are currently warded in hospital. There are currently 105 cases of serious illness requiring oxygen supplementation, and 18 in critical condition in the intensive care unit (ICU).

- Over the last 28 days, of the 10,017 infected individuals, 98.1% have no or mild symptoms, 1.7% requires oxygen supplementation, 0.2% requires ICU care, and 0.04% has died.

- As of 17 September 2021, 82% of our population has completed their full regimen/ received two doses of COVID-19 vaccines, and 84% has received at least one dose.

- As of 18 September 2021, 12pm, the Ministry of Health has detected a total of 1,009 new cases of COVID-19 infection in Singapore, with 926 in the community, 78 in the migrant worker dormitories and 5 imported cases.

Condition of hospitalised cases

As of 18 September 2021, 12pm, 863 COVID-19 cases are currently warded in hospital. Most are well and under observation. There are currently 105 cases of serious illness requiring oxygen supplementation, and 18 in critical condition in the ICU. Of those who have fallen very ill, 100 are seniors above 60 years.

2. Case 78675, a 90 year-old male Singaporean, has passed away from complications due to COVID-19 infection on 17 September 2021. He had been conveyed to the National Centre for Infectious Diseases on 17 September with symptoms, and tested positive for COVID-19 infection on the same day. He had not been vaccinated against COVID-19, and had a history of cancer, heart disease and pneumonia. In total, 60 have passed away from complications due to COVID-19 infection.

3. Some of our public hospitals have been experiencing a surge in the number of patients who have rushed to their A&E departments with mild acute respiratory infection (ARI) symptoms. We urge those who have mild symptoms to avoid seeking treatment at the hospitals and instead consult a General Practitioner (GP) at a Swab and Send Home (SASH) clinic instead. The SASH GPs are capable of assessing the
severity of their symptoms and perform COVID-19 diagnostic tests when needed to confirm their status. This allows those with more severe illnesses and who are in need of urgent care to be attended to quickly and helps to preserve hospital capacity for those who truly need hospital care.

**Figure 1:** Number of Active Cases in ICU or Requiring Oxygen Supplementation

4. Over the last 28 days, the percentage of local cases who were asymptomatic or had mild symptoms is 98.1%. 177 cases required oxygen supplementation, 18 had been in the ICU, and 4 died, of whom none was fully vaccinated.

**Figure 2:** Local Cases in the Last 28 Days by Severity of Condition

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1 Includes all cases who are currently hospitalised.

2 Fully vaccinated - more than 14 days after completing vaccination regimen (both doses of the vaccine or one dose for recovered individuals).

3 Includes only new cases reported in the past 28 days.
Update on vaccination progress

5. As of 17 September 2021, 82% of our population has completed their full regimen/ received two doses of COVID-19 vaccines, and 84% has received at least one dose.

6. We have administered a total of 8,922,035 doses of COVID-19 vaccines under the national vaccination programme (Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty and Moderna), covering 4,571,939 individuals, with 4,444,525 individuals having completed the full vaccination regimen. In addition, 182,716 doses of other vaccines recognised in the World Health Organization’s Emergency Use Listing (WHO EUL) have been administered, covering 86,968 individuals.

Locally transmitted COVID-19 cases

7. As of 18 September 2021, 12pm, the Ministry of Health has detected a total of 1,009 new cases of COVID-19 infection in Singapore, comprising 926 community cases, 78 dormitory residents cases and 5 imported cases.

a) 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

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<tr>
<th>Cluster</th>
<th>New Cases</th>
<th>Total&lt;sup&gt;4&lt;/sup&gt;</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Pfizer Asia Pacific Pte Ltd</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>Workplace transmission, no evidence of spread beyond worksite. Of the 22 cases, 20 are staff and 2 are cleaners. The facility is not involved in vaccine production.</td>
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<tr>
<td>NSL OilChem</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>Workplace transmission with further spread to household contacts of cases. Of the 27 cases, 25 are staff and 2 are household contacts of cases.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sembcorp Marine Admiralty Yard</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>39</td>
<td>Workplace transmission with further spread to household contacts of cases. Of the 39 cases, 35 are staff and 4 are household contacts of cases.</td>
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<td>Blue Stars Dormitory</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>104</td>
<td>Intra-dormitory transmission amongst residents with no evidence of spread beyond dormitory. All residents are being tested.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chinatown Complex</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>270</td>
<td>Ongoing workplace transmission, including 195 stallholders and assistants, 12 working as cleaners/ Safe Distancing Ambassador, 63 household contacts of workers. All new cases have been quarantined.</td>
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<td>Avery Lodge Dormitory</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>98</td>
<td>Intra-dormitory transmission amongst residents, detected through proactive testing. Residents have been placed on Movement Restriction Order, and are being tested.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Toa Payoh Bus Interchange staff</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>251</td>
<td>Workplace transmission amongst bus captains and interchange staff, no evidence of spread to commuters.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Boon Lay Bus Interchange staff</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>237</td>
<td>Workplace transmission amongst bus captains and interchange staff, no evidence of spread to commuters.</td>
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<td>All Saints Home Jurong East</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>Intra-home transmission amongst residents and staff. Of the 14 cases, 11 are residents and 3 are staff.</td>
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<td>11 Tuas Ave 10 dormitory</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>Intra-dormitory transmission amongst residents, detected through proactive testing. New cases have been quarantined.</td>
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**b) Summary of trends for local cases**

9. There are 1,004 new cases of locally transmitted COVID-19 infection in Singapore, with 926 in the community and 78 in the migrant worker dormitories.

<sup>4</sup> Includes new cases added today.
Amongst the local cases today are 259 seniors who are above 60 years.

**Figure 5:** Number of Local Cases by Age

Summary of trends for imported cases

10. There are a total of 5 imported cases, who have already been placed on Stay-Home Notice (SHN) or isolated upon arrival in Singapore. Of these, 1 was detected upon arrival in Singapore, while 4 developed the illness during SHN or isolation.

**Figure 6:** Number of Imported Cases by Detected Upon Arrival/ Detected during SHN or Isolation