

Singapore

47 new COVID-19 cases in Singapore, new cluster identified at dormitory in Toh Guan



View of Westlite Toh Guan dormitory. (Image: Centurion website)

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SINGAPORE: Singapore reported 47 new COVID-19 cases on Tuesday (Mar 31), bringing the total number to 926.

Of the cases confirmed on Tuesday, 31 are local cases with 13 linked to existing clusters or other individuals. Eighteen remain unlinked with contact tracing ongoing.

Four of the newly confirmed cases were linked to a previous case, forming a new cluster at Westlite Toh Guan dormitory at 18 Toh Guan Road East, said the Ministry of Health (MOH) in a press release.

One new case is linked to the SingPost Centre cluster, bringing the total number in that cluster to six.

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See 918 is a resident at Lee Ah Mooi (LAM) Old Age Home at 1 Thomson Lane. The 86-year-old woman inhibited to any cases at the moment.

She tested positive for COVID-19 on Mar 31 and is now in an isolation room at Tan Tock Seng Hospital.

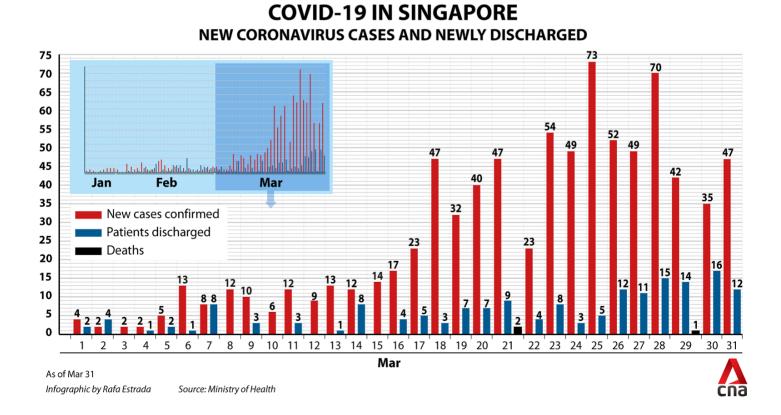
"LAM has conducted a thorough cleaning and disinfection of the ward and the affected areas of the Home," said the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) in a media statement, adding that families of other residents have been informed, and the home is monitoring the health of all residents and staff.

"MOH and AIC have worked with LAM to identify staff and residents who had close contact with the resident," said the statement.

"Affected staff will be placed under quarantine, and will not be able to care for residents during their quarantine. We are also working with LAM to ensure continuity of service and the wellbeing of the residents."

The home has also suspended visits until Apr 30.

MOH said on Tuesday that contact tracing is under way for 93 locally transmitted cases to establish links to previous cases or travel history to affected countries or region.



Sixteen cases are imported, including eight that had travelled to the United Kingdom. The rest of the imported cases had travelled to Australia, Canada, Denmark and Indonesia. One long-term pass holder had travelled to Malaysia.

All but one of the new cases are Singaporeans or permanent residents.

Arotal of 240 cases have fully recovered and have been discharged from hospitals or community isolation control in the control of 240 cases who are clinically well but still test positive for the virus are isolated and cared for at Concord International Hospital, Mount Elizabeth Hospital, Gleneagles Hospital and the Community Isolation Facility at D'Resort NTUC.

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