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Licenseses of Medical/ Dental Clinics  
Nursing Homes, Inpatient Hospices, Chronic Sick Hospitals, Psychiatric Rehabilitation Homes, Group Home for the Ex-mentally ill  
Day Rehabilitation Centres, Dementia Day Care Centres, Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centres and Hospice Day Care

**MOH Circular 35/2009**

**SECTOR-SPECIFIC ADVISORIES ON SWINE INFLUENZA A FOR PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE/LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES**

**(I) ADDITIONAL INFECTION CONTROL MEASURES**

**(II) TRANSFER OF PATIENTS BETWEEN HEALTHCARE INSTITUTIONS**

Following the upgrade of DORSCON Alert status from YELLOW to ORANGE, this circular provides additional advisories on measures to be taken at primary and long term care facilities.

**ADDITIONAL INFECTION CONTROL MEASURES**

2. Additional<sup>1</sup> measures to be taken by each care sector is summarised in Table 1 of Annex A. Table 2 in Annex A provides the guidelines on use of PPE in different DORSCON Alert status.

Other Measures

3. GP and other medical clinics are advised to provide suitable stable chronic patients with longest possible supply of medications to minimise the need for patients to visit healthcare establishments. Where appropriate, arrangements can be made for medications to be delivered to the patient.

**TRANSFER OF PATIENTS BETWEEN HEALTHCARE INSTITUTIONS**

4. Transfer of patients between acute hospitals, community hospitals and nursing homes should be restricted to institutions within the same region, or as directed by MOH / Agency for Integrated Care. Please refer to Annex B for a list of institutions within the regional groupings.

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<sup>1</sup> Please refer to MOH Circular 28/2009 dated 29 Apr 09 on Sector-specific Advisories on Swine Influenza A for Primary and Intermediate / Long-term Care Facilities

5. As a precaution, patients newly transferred to community hospitals and nursing homes should be quarantined for 7 days from day of transfer in a separate ward or area from the rest of residents.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

6. For updates on this evolving situation, please refer to the MOH website [www.moh.gov.sg](http://www.moh.gov.sg)

7. For further clarifications of this circular, please email [moh\\_info@moh.gov.sg](mailto:moh_info@moh.gov.sg)



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**ANNEX A**

**Table 1: Additional Measures to be taken by each sector (DORSCON ORANGE)**

	<b>GP clinics and other medical / dental clinics</b>	<b>Nursing homes, inpatient hospice and other long-term institutional care facilities</b>	<b>Day Rehabilitation Centres, Dementia Day Care, other Medical Day Care Facilities</b>
Visitors	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Restricted to 1 visitor per patient *</li> <li>▪ All visitors are to be screened for temperature. Visitors with temperature above 38<sup>0</sup>C should not be allowed entry to the facility.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Restricted to 1 visitor per patient*</li> <li>▪ All visitors or accompanying persons are to be screened for temperature. Those with temperature above 38<sup>0</sup>C should not be allowed entry to the facility..</li> </ul>
Healthcare workers	Twice daily temperature monitoring	Twice daily temperature monitoring	Twice daily temperature monitoring

\* An exception can be made in extenuating circumstances

**Table 2: Guidelines on use of PPE for Healthcare workers (HCWs) in relation to protection against Swine Influenza in Primary and Intermediate / Long-term care settings (DORSCON Orange / Red / Black)**

<b>Risk Level</b>	<b>Nature of Role of HCWs Working in the Healthcare Environment</b>	<b>Examples of Healthcare Environment</b>	<b>Hand Hygiene</b>	<b>Masks</b>	<b>Gloves</b>	<b>Gown</b>	<b>Eye Protection</b>
<b>Medium</b>	People who due to the nature of their job, may be unable to maintain >1m contact distance from another person	Offices with no patient contact	Yes	Surgical			
<b>Medium-High</b>	People who, due to nature of their job, cannot maintain at least >1m contact distance from patients	Primary care clinics, Pharmacies, Non isolation wards, Isolation areas in residential homes and long term care facilities	Yes	N95	Yes	Yes	Yes if splashes likely

## Grouping of Acute Hospitals, Community Hospitals and Nursing homes

**(I) WESTERN REGION**

No	Restructured Hospital	Community Hospital
	<b>AH-NUH</b>	
1	Bethany Methodist Nursing Home	St Luke's Hospital
2	Econ Medicare Centre (Choa Chu Kang)	St Luke's Hospital
3	Econ Nursing Home (Bukit Timah)	St Luke's Hospital
4	Jamiyah Nursing Home	St Luke's Hospital
5	Man Fut Tong Nursing Home	St Luke's Hospital
6	Orange Valley Nursing Home (Clementi)	St Luke's Hospital
7	Orange Valley Nursing Home (Marsiling)	St Luke's Hospital
8	Pacific Healthcare Nursing Home ( Bukit Merah)	St Luke's Hospital
9	Pacific Healthcare Nursing Home (Bukit Panjang)	St Luke's Hospital
10	Soo's Nursing Home	St Luke's Hospital
11	St Joseph's Home & Hospice	St Luke's Hospital
12	Sunnyville Home	St Luke's Hospital
13	Windsor Convalescent Home	St Luke's Hospital

**(I) EASTERN REGION**

No	Restructured Hospital	Community Hospital
	<b>Changi General Hospital</b>	
14	All Saints Home - Tampines	St Andrew's Community Hospital
15	Apex Harmony Lodge	St Andrew's Community Hospital
16	East Coast Medicare Centre	St Andrew's Community Hospital
17	Econ Medicare Centre (Chai Chee)	St Andrew's Community Hospital
18	Econ Medicare Centre (Upper East Coast Rd)	St Andrew's Community Hospital
19	Grace Lodge	St Andrew's Community Hospital
20	Lions Home for the Elders (Bedok)	St Andrew's Community Hospital
21	Margaret Chio Nursing Home	St Andrew's Community Hospital
22	Moral Home for the Aged Sick	St Andrew's Community Hospital
23	Orange Valley Nursing Home (Changi)	St Andrew's Community Hospital
24	Orange Valley Nursing Home (Simei)	St Andrew's Community Hospital
25	Our Lady of Lourdes Nursing Home for the Aged	St Andrew's Community Hospital
26	Paeon Nursing Home	St Andrew's Community Hospital
27	Peacehaven Nursing Home	St Andrew's Community Hospital
28	Thian Leng Old Folks' Home	St Andrew's Community Hospital
29	Windsor Nursing Home	St Andrew's Community Hospital

**(I) CENTRAL REGION**

No	Restructured Hospital	Community Hospital
	<b>Tan Tock Seng Hospital</b>	
30	Thong Teck Home for Senior Citizens	Bright Vision Hospital
31	Ling Kwang Home for Senior Citizens	Bright Vision Hospital
32	Tai Pei Social Service (Tpss)	Bright Vision Hospital
33	All Saints Home - Hougang	Bright Vision Hospital
34	Cherry Nursing Home	Bright Vision Hospital
35	Econ Nursing Home (Buangkok)	Bright Vision Hospital
36	St Theresa's Home	Ang Mo Kio-Thye Hua Kwan Hospital
37	Orange Valley Nursing Home (Thomson)	Ang Mo Kio-Thye Hua Kwan Hospital
38	Moonlight Home for the Aged & Handicapped	Ang Mo Kio-Thye Hua Kwan Hospital
39	Villa Francis Home for the Aged	Ang Mo Kio-Thye Hua Kwan Hospital
40	Green View Nursing Home	Ang Mo Kio-Thye Hua Kwan Hospital
41	Irene Nursing Home	Ren Ci Hospital & Medicare Centre
42	Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home	Ren Ci Hospital & Medicare Centre
43	Min Chong Comfort Home	Ren Ci Hospital & Medicare Centre
44	Econ Medicare Centre (Braddell Road)	Ren Ci Hospital & Medicare Centre
45	Singapore Christian Home	Ren Ci Hospital & Medicare Centre
46	Tai Pei Old People's Home	Ren Ci Hospital & Medicare Centre
47	United Medicare Centre	Ren Ci Hospital & Medicare Centre
48	Dover Park Hospice	Ren Ci Hospital & Medicare Centre

**(I) SOUTHERN REGION**

No	Restructured Hospital	Community Hospital
	<b>Singapore General Hospital</b>	
49	Gleneagles Maritime Medical Centre	Ang Mo Kio-Thye Hua Kwan Hospital
50	Lions Home for the Elders (Toa Payoh)	Ang Mo Kio-Thye Hua Kwan Hospital
51	Orange Valley Nursing Home (Bukit Merah)	Ang Mo Kio-Thye Hua Kwan Hospital
52	Bright Hill Evergreen Home	Ang Mo Kio-Thye Hua Kwan Hospital
53	Sree Narayana Mission Home	Ang Mo Kio-Thye Hua Kwan Hospital
54	Sunshine Welfare Action Mission Home	Ang Mo Kio-Thye Hua Kwan Hospital
55	The Lantor Residence	Ang Mo Kio-Thye Hua Kwan Hospital
56	Assisi Hospice	Ang Mo Kio-Thye Hua Kwan Hospital
57	Ju Eng Home for Senior Citizens	Bright Vision Hospital
58	Sunlove Home	Bright Vision Hospital
59	Society for the Aged Sick	Bright Vision Hospital
60	Surya Home	Bright Vision Hospital
61	Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital & Nursing Home	Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital & Nursing Home
62	Serene Nursing Home	Ren Ci Hospital & Medicare Centre
63	Nightingale Nursing Centre	Ren Ci Hospital & Medicare Centre