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Psychiatric Rehabilitation Homes, Group Home for the Ex-mentally ill
Day Rehabilitation Centres, Dementia Day Care Centres, Psychiatric Rehabilitation
Centres and Hospice Day Care
Home Medical and Home Nursing Services

MOH Circular 43/2009

SECTOR-SPECIFIC ADVISORIES ON INFLUENZA A (H1N1) FOR PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES ON TRANSITION FROM DORSCON ORANGE TO YELLOW

1. Following the announcement of the transition from DORSCON ORANGE to YELLOW by 11 May 2009, this circular provides the measures to be taken during the transitional phase (from 7 May 0800 hrs to 11 May 0800 hrs).

MEASURES TO BE TAKEN DURING TRANSITIONAL PHASE

2. The measures to be taken during the transitional phase are summarised in Annex A. Full PPE will only be required in high risk areas. Healthcare workers should continue to use appropriate PPE in all other areas.

3. Pending review on 10 May, from 11 May onwards, the measures to be taken will be in accordance to DORSCON Yellow (please refer to MOH Circular 28/2009 dated 29 Apr 09), unless otherwise notified by MOH.

FURTHER INFORMATION

4. For updates on this evolving situation, please refer to the MOH website www.moh.gov.sg

5. For further clarifications of this circular, please email moh_info@moh.gov.sg



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DORSCON Orange (Current)	Transition to Yellow (From 7 May 0800 hrs)	DORSCON Yellow (From 11 May 0800 hrs)
GENERAL PRACTITIONERS CLINICS		
Triage for flu / non-flu patients	No change	No change
Declaration form for patients	No change	No change
Temperature taking for all patients, visitors and staff	No change	No change
Staff at triage to wear full PPE	No change*	No change*
Doctor to wear full PPE	Full PPE only for high-risk patients	Full PPE only for high-risk patients
COMMUNITY HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES, HOSPICES, CHRONIC SICK		
Declaration form for visitors	No change	No change
Temperature taking for all visitors and staff	No change	No change
Doctors, nurses and other health care workers to wear full PPE	Full PPE only for high-risk patients	Full PPE only for high-risk patients
Regional zoning and 7-day quarantine rule	No change	To lift restriction
DAY REHABILITATION AND OTHER DAY FACILITIES		
Triage for flu / non-flu patients	No change	No change
Declaration form for visitors	No change	No change
Temperature taking for all patients, visitors and staff	No change	No change
Staff at triage to wear full PPE	No change*	No change*
HOME MEDICAL AND HOME NURSING		
Telephone screening of patients before visiting	No change	No change
Temperature taking for all patients and staff	No change	No change

* PPE needs to be changed only if soiled and/or after handling a suspected case