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All General Practitioner Clinics

**MOH CIRCULAR 58/2009  
PRIMARY CARE PREPAREDNESS FOR INFLUENZA A (H1N1-2009)**

1. The first few confirmed case of influenza A (H1N1-2009) have been diagnosed in Singapore. The first case has been referred by a General Practitioner (GP). The GP was in full PPE, took the necessary infection control measures and followed established protocol by referring the patient to TTSH. This GP has done well.

**CONTINUED VIGILANCE NEEDED**

2. Looking at the situations in many cities around the world, there could possibly be more cases in the coming days and weeks. GPs, as first healthcare contact for patients, should particularly be ready and stay vigilant.

3. All GP clinics should be familiar with “Primary Care Flu Pandemic Response Plan<sup>1</sup>” and its infection control recommendations jointly put forward by CFPS, SMA and MOH. In addition, GP clinics should observe the following:

- (a) Clinics should have a plan to separate flu and non-flu patients. This can be done by either having separate clinic sessions to see flu and non-flu patients or by segregating these patients to avoid cross transmission. Patients with stable chronic conditions should be given the longest possible duration of medication to avoid unnecessary clinic visits.
- (b) Clinic staff, as employees of the clinic, should be equipped with the appropriate PPE as per MOH circulars. This is part of the duty of a responsible licensee and employer.

4. Clinics which have not earlier signed up to be part of the Pandemic Preparedness Clinics (PPC) should do so soonest possible. Please email [MOH\\_Conversations@moh.gov.sg](mailto:MOH_Conversations@moh.gov.sg) if you have not received our previous communications to you on PPC.

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of this can be found on MOH website ([www.moh.gov.sg](http://www.moh.gov.sg)), SMA website ([www.sma.org.sg](http://www.sma.org.sg)) and CFPS website ([www.cfps.org.sg](http://www.cfps.org.sg))

5. For updates on this evolving situation, please refer to the MOH website [www.moh.gov.sg](http://www.moh.gov.sg) For further clarifications of this circular, please email [moh\\_info@moh.gov.sg](mailto:moh_info@moh.gov.sg) or contact MOH hotline on 1800-333-9999.



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