

MEDIA STATEMENT

23 April 2020

Home care staff diagnosed with COVID-19

One of the COVID-19 cases announced by the Ministry of Health (MOH) today is a 33-year-old staff who works at Thye Hua Kwan Moral Charities (THKMC). He is based out of THKMC's office premises and provides home personal care services to home-bound clients at their homes. The staff's test results confirmed COVID-19 infection on 22 April 2020 and is now warded at Singapore General Hospital. He was last at work on 20 April 2020.

2. THKMC has put in place additional precautionary measures in consultation with MOH and the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC). For example, THKMC has conducted a thorough cleaning and disinfection of their office premises and equipment that the staff may have used. Contact tracing is ongoing and those who had close contact with the staff will be quarantined.

3. Since February 2020, all Community Care service partners including those providing home care services have implemented precautionary measures such as

- Maintaining good hand hygiene and strict infection control practices based on standard precautions.
- Screening clients and monitoring staff for fever, respiratory symptoms and travel history based on the prevailing criteria in MOH's advisories.
- Wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment when in contact with clients.
- Ensuring staff who are unwell do not turn up for work.

4. We will continue to monitor the situation closely, and work with the management of THKMC to ensure wellbeing of their clients and staff.

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Translation of key terms

1. Agency for Integrated Care: 护联中心
2. Thye Hua Kwan Moral Charities: 太和观慈善机构