

MEDIA STATEMENT

16 April 2020

Nursing home resident diagnosed with COVID-19

One of the COVID-19 cases announced by the Ministry of Health (MOH) today (Case 4053) is an 89-year-old resident at Pacific Healthcare Nursing Home at 21 Senja Road. The resident's test results confirmed COVID-19 infection on 15 April 2020. The resident is now warded in an isolation room at Ng Teng Fong General Hospital.

2. MOH and the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) have been in close contact with PHNH (Senja) to provide advice and support in managing the situation. PHNH (Senja) has conducted a thorough cleaning and disinfection of the ward, and affected areas of the Home. Contact tracing is ongoing and those who had close contact with the resident will be quarantined. We are working to provide PHNH (Senja) with manpower support during this period if required, to ensure service continuity for its residents.

3. Since 1 April 2020, nursing homes (NHs) have implemented enhanced precautionary measures which include:

- i. Suspension of all visitors to all nursing homes from 2 April 2020 until 4 May 2020. MOH will review the situation closer to date.
- ii. Safe distancing for all nursing home residents.
- iii. NHs with more than 200 beds will begin to implement split-zones.
- iv. Reminder that staff who are unwell must not turn up for work.

4. We will continue to monitor the situation closely, and work with the nursing homes to ensure the safety and well-being of their residents and staff.

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Translation of key terms

1. Agency for Integrated Care: 护联中心
2. Pacific Healthcare Nursing Home: 太平保健疗养院