Covid-19 Response in Prisons

Description

Travel and Health Declaration at all Access Points into Singapore Prison Service (SPS) Premises

- Temperature taking and travel declaration implemented for all personnel entering SPS premises.
- Anyone with fever (≥38°C), or travel history to countries listed in Ministry of Health (MOH) advisory in the last 14 days, or any visual respiratory symptoms, will be denied entry.

Health and Travel Advisory to Staff and Personnel working in SPS premises

- Staff to defer all travel abroad (in line with MOH advisory to all Singaporeans as of 18 Mar 2020).
- Regular broadcasts to staff on need to practise good personal hygiene and be socially responsible.

Staff Twice Daily Temperature Taking

- Staff at work to take temperature twice daily, so as to promptly detect unwell cases and have them seek medical attention.

Management of New Admissions Inmates

- Temperature screening and travel history declaration of new admissions at the State Courts Lock-Up and SPS Admission Centers.
- All new admissions are examined at the New Admission Clinic by a Medical Officer, assisted by nurses. This is a standard practice even before COVID-19.
- All new admissions are housed separately from the general population and monitored for 14 days, with their temperature taken twice daily
- Frontline SPS officers are issued Personal Protection Equipment (which includes disposable masks and gloves), for use when they interact with all new admissions, and if they are subsequently required to interact with any suspected case of COVID-19 in the inmate population.

Inmate Engagement and Communication

- Sharing on the external COVID-19 situation, and reminded on the need to practise good personal and environmental hygiene.

Reporting and treatment on identification of any positive cases

- In accordance to prevailing guidelines from our Ministry of Health.
Review Business Continuity Plan (BCP)

- As part of normal contingency planning, BCP is being reviewed and updated.

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