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Meeting with Minister of Health Mr Gan Kim Yong – 14 February 2020

The head of churches met the Minister of Health Mr. Gan Kim Yong on the evening of Valentine's day and below are the highlights from the meeting

The COVID-19 situation is nowhere near DORSCON Red. Government encourages churches to continue regular worship services with the necessary screening, declarations and precautions. Prepare to sustain for a period of at least 3 months for things to get back to normal.

Transmission by people with no symptoms at all is highly unlikely. But even mild respiratory symptoms, with or without fever, increases the chance of transmission. Hence temperature screening and health declarations must be holistic and people who are even mildly unwell should rest at home, and not go to work, come to church or mingle with the community or go shopping. GPs can give up to 5 days MC for people to rest at home.

Churches should reduce the number of people in each service by encouraging those who are unwell not to come, and by considering more service timings. People should stick to the same service and not cross-mingle. This way, if there is a case, only the group that the patient interacted with while symptomatic need to be closed and not the whole church.

Churches should promote proper hand cleaning technique with soap/water or with hand sanitizer. Consider alternatives to objects touched by many people, e.g., offering bags, hymnals. They should also intensify cleaning of high contact surfaces.

If there is a case linked to a church when the patient was symptomatic, MOH will quarantine only the close contacts. Quarantined people themselves are not considered a transmission risk until they show symptoms. If they are quarantined before they show symptoms, people they had contact with before quarantine are not at risk.

To summarise:

- Urge people to stay home even when mildly unwell. —Practice diligent pre-service screening and declarations.
- Reducing group size by offering more service slots (no magic number).
- Adopt low-touch practices (greetings, communion, offering, etc).
- Clean hands, clean premises.
- Encourage Christians not to discriminate against people from China and healthcare workers.

You can find more information from MOH website following this [link](#).

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与卫生部长颜金勇先生的会议 – 2020 年 2 月 14 日

各宗派教会领袖在情人节晚上会见了卫生部长颜金勇先生，以下是会议的要点：

2019 冠状病毒疾病 (COVID-19) 实况离新加坡的疾病暴发应对系统 (DORSCON) 红色警戒级还非常远。政府鼓励教会继续进行固定的崇拜，但提供必要的检测、申报和预防措施，并预备持续坚持至少 3 个月，直到一切恢复正常为主。

人在没有任何的症状下相互传染疫情是极不可能的。但是，如果出现了即使是轻微的呼吸道症状，无论是否有发烧，传播的机会就增加了。因此，体温检查和健康申报必须是全面的，甚至如果有人发现有轻度身体不适，也应该留在家里休息，不要去上班、去教堂、或与社区里的人群交往、或购物。普通诊所的医生可以给与长达 5 天的病假，供人们在家休养。

教会应鼓励那些有身体不舒服的人不要出席聚会，减少每次聚会的人数，考虑多几次的聚会。会众应该参加固定的聚会，不要随意更动参加不同时间段的聚会。这样，如果有出现一个病例，只有患者参加那时段的聚会需要关闭，而不是整个教会。

教会应推广正确地使用肥皂/水或洗手液的洗手技巧。那些许多人会接触到的用具例如奉献袋、赞美诗歌本，应考虑使用替代品。教会也应对那经常被触摸到的地方多加洁净。

如果在教会有出现有症状的患者病例，卫生部将只隔离那些有近接触病患的人群。那些被隔离的人不会被视为有传播的风险，直到他们出现症状。如果在出现症状之前被隔离，那些在隔离前曾与他们接触过的人，不会有危险。

总结：

- 敦促个人，即使有轻度不舒服，也要留在家中。-勤奋地持续聚会前的检测和申报。
- 通过提供多次聚会时段来减少聚会的人数（没有指定的数目）
- 采用避免接触的方法（如在问候、圣餐、奉献等）。
- 清洁双手，清洁场所。
- 鼓励基督徒不要歧视中国人和医护人员。

你可以通过这个[链接](#)从卫生部网站找到更多信息。