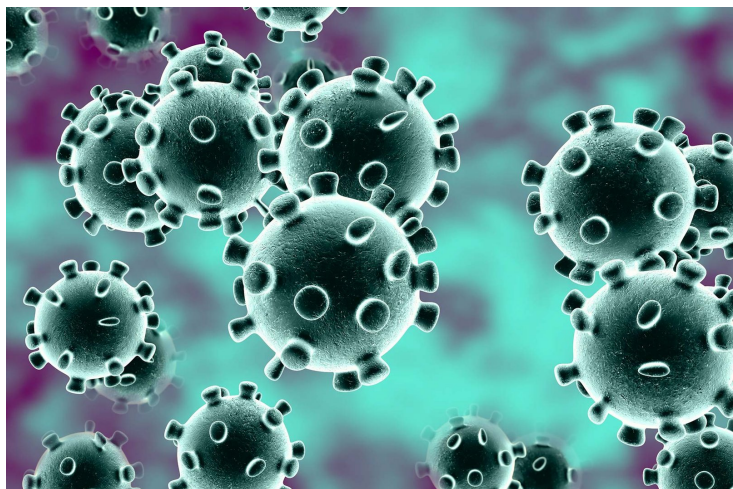# Singapore ramps up precautions against coronavirus

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Taskforce set up to direct a whole-of-government response to the novel coronavirus pneumonia outbreak

The Ministry of Health (MOH) in Singapore has on 23 January 2020 confirmed one imported case of novel coronavirus infection in Singapore. The case is a 66 year-old male Chinese national from Wuhan who arrived in Singapore with his family on 20 January 2020. He is currently warded in an isolation room at the Singapore General Hospital (SGH) and his condition is stable.

The Taskforce set up to direct a whole-of-government response to the novel coronavirus pneumonia outbreak has decided to step up Singapore's overall preventive posture, given the expected inflow of visitors during the festive season and in view of the confirmed case. This would include expanding the border controls, to include land and sea checkpoints.

Singapore will also expand travel advisory to recommend that Singaporeans avoid travel to the whole of Hubei Province, in view of the travel restrictions that China has imposed on Huanggang and Ezhou.

MOH also advises Singaporeans to continue to exercise caution and attention to personal hygiene when travelling to the rest of China.

In addition, MOH and the National Centre for Infectious Diseases (NCID) have developed a joint clinical guidance on the novel coronavirus which advises on the management of suspect cases.

The guidance has been disseminated to Emergency Department and Infectious Diseases physicians, and public sector hospital laboratories.