

ADVISORY ON SWINE INFLUENZA OUTBREAK

1. Following the Swine influenza outbreaks, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has raised the pandemic alert from Phase 4 to Phase 5 on 29 April 2009. This indicates that there is evidence of significant human-to-human transmission of the virus, which has caused sustained community-level outbreaks in 2 or more countries.
2. We understand from the Ministry of Health (MOH) in Singapore that the current swine flu virus has genetic material from swine, avian and human flu strains. Clinical illness ranges from mild flu-like symptoms to severe viral pneumonia. Unlike SARS where almost all cases will develop symptoms, one-third of H1N1 infected persons are asymptomatic and initial assessment is that the H1N1 virus will be harder to contain than SARS.
3. As a precautionary measure, thermal screening has been implemented at all Changi Airport Terminals, Seletar Airport and the sea checkpoints. Hospitals have also started thermal screening with their staff donning Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), i.e. masks/gloves. However, thermal screening is not foolproof, but unlike SARS, those ill with the swine flu virus can be treated.
4. In view of the current alert level, the Land Transport Authority (LTA), Taxi Operators' Associations (TOA) and taxi companies would like to advise all taxi drivers to observe the following:
 - a. **Maintain a high standard of personal hygiene, such as washing your hands frequently, using tissues to cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, etc. You are advised to have hand sanitizer ready in your taxi so that you could use it to disinfect your hands regularly;**
 - b. **Take your temperature at least twice a day, once in the morning and once in the evening. This is to ensure that you are not feverish;**
 - c. **Seek medical treatment immediately if you feel unwell, and do not drive the taxi;**
 - d. **Listen to the doctor's advice and stay at home, so that you do not spread the virus to others;**
 - e. **Clean your taxi more frequently and to use disinfectants when cleaning – the cleaning should be done twice a day or more if possible, such as when changing shift;**
 - f. **Increase ventilation of your taxi by winding down the windows in-between trips and not using the recirculation mode of the vehicle air-conditioning system. During your break time, you**

are advised to off the engine, wind up all windows and leave your taxi under the hot sun for at least 15 minutes to disinfect the taxi; and

g. Logon to MDT at all times and issue receipts to your passengers and advise them to retain the receipt for contact tracing.

5. We urge all taxi drivers to be socially responsible by adopting the above practices with immediate effect.

预防猪流感遵守事项

猪流感在全球不断蔓延，世界卫生组织宣布，将全球流感警戒级别由目前的4级提高到第5级。流感通过人传人而蔓延到超过2个国家。

目前新加坡并没有出现猪流感的确诊病例，不过因目前之警戒级别，陆路交通管理局、德士师傅协会和德士公司要提醒所有德士师傅遵守下列事项：

1. 提高个人卫生，如时常洗手，咳嗽时用纸巾遮盖您的口，鼻等；您可放置消毒剂在德士内以常消毒。
2. 每天2次测量体温，确保没有发烧。
3. 若有感到身体不舒服，必须即刻去看医生，并且暂停驾驶德士。
4. 听取医生的指示留在家中休息，故此您不会把病菌传给他人。
5. 常用消毒剂清理德士。若能够每天最少2次清理德士。（在换班时）
6. 提高车内的空气流通量，可在载客之间的空档时搅下车窗；在休息用餐时将所有窗门搅上让德士在烈日下15分钟以杀菌。
7. 启开您的MDT和发数据给搭客并叫他们保存收据以作为联系追踪之用。