Over 200 fines issued for breach of rules on safe distancing

Enforcement officers had to call for police assistance in more than 10 cases yesterday.

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As Singapore enters its second week of its month-long circuit breaker period, people here are still trying to come to terms with keeping to themselves—despite regulations.

At least 200 composite fines of S$50 each were issued to those who flouted safe distancing measures yesterday, the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources (MEWR) said last night. This included a woman who was tarred and feathered at a food centre in Aljunied. As she continued eating, and refused to leave or provide her particulars to officers, the police had to be called in to assist.

The ministry said the local authorities had stepped up enforcement in the past few days, with more officers deployed to conduct checks at food centres and in public spaces.

“This includes a group playing in the Tamu Buap playground, and a group going for a stroll in People’s Park Complex. A two-year-old boy was also seized by the police during unauthorised gatherings at a slow food market,” the ministry said.

With the circuit breaker,ile-legal and maritime work places have been closed until May 11 to enforce the spread of COVID-19. Officials have also been regularising movements to the homes of others, as well as for essential activities.

The Ministry for the Environment and Water Resources (MEWR) said a Facebook post yesterday that there have been many issues on what cannot be considered essential travel.

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The ministry said, “It should fulfill our actions,” he said.

He added that his and other measures to avoid people falling ill by not meeting in person. “Because only work, I may expose the matter to this lawfully. And I will never forgive myself T’d,” he said. “The remaining 21 days are critical window that will determine if we have a second wave of the virus, presenting an unprecedented second wave of the virus, presenting an unprecedented second wave of the virus, presenting an unprecedented second wave of the virus,” he added.

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“The police have been conducting checks at roadblocks and public spaces, and are working with the relevant agencies to identify and act against those who do not comply,” the police said.

The police said that the majority of the population had been very compliant in their social distancing measures, but that enforcement action may be taken against motorists and passengers seen flouting the measures.

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Lawyer Yoo Heung, 34, has been warning homeowners in her block to wear masks and to have their social distancing measures in place.

In her block, she says that to pay it forward to make sure people are kept in the loop, she has purchased masks and hand sanitiser for her friends, including her son and her husband, “I also take a few thousand to leave for the neighbours who come over. But for the people who are working, I try to provide the necessary help. And I will never forgive myself T’d,” he said. “The remaining 21 days are critical window that will determine if we have a second wave of the virus, presenting an unprecedented second wave of the virus,” he added.

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