Coronavirus pandemic
Singapore battling third wave of imported Covid-19 cases

More than 100 such cases confirmed in past month, with over half from India

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Singapore is now seeing a third wave of imported Covid-19 cases, which makes its neighbours the Philippines and Malaysia pessants. These make up about 46 per cent of the total number of imported cases in the last month and they are epitomised by four cases. The number of daily imported cases, which had dropped to an average of 6.9 in the last month, is now on the rise. As of yesterday, Singapore had recorded 99 cases, of which 75 were confirmed on May 15. This was the highest number of imported cases in Singapore this year.

Health Minister Ong Ye Kung said on May 15 that the authorities expected to see a third wave of imported cases. He said the recent clusters were due to the high number of cases in India, where the authorities have been working to stop the virus from spreading. He added that this was not the time to relax and that the country was still in the midst of the pandemic. The authorities are working to control the spread of the virus and to prevent it from becoming a community-wide outbreak.

There have been 107 imported cases in the past month, about 15% of the 650 imported cases during the entire outbreak as of July 25.

Stay-home notice for all travellers

Since June 3, all travellers to Singapore have been required to present a negative Covid-19 test result taken within the last 72 hours before arrival. The test must be taken at a approved testing centre in their country of residence and the test result must be submitted to the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) before travel.

As of June 28, Singapore had not recorded any cases of local transmission. The authorities have been working to prevent the spread of the virus and to ensure that the country remains safe.

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