Coronavirus pandemic

S’pore will have to change strategy if cases keep rising

This may involve housing mildly sick virus patients in hospital or govt facility: WHO expert

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Hospitals everywhere have been nothing to fix up beds because when they get overwhelmed by spikes in coronavirus cases – as is the case in Wuhan, China, and now in Italy – it essentially leads to people dying needlessly.

If the situation is bad enough here, the new strategies that are in the air for several weeks now are being longed for now, especially in the Handshake Alternatives.

But the definition continues to rise and the outlook shows no sign of drying up, to go from the original “patient isolation” to now “patient isolation if necessary.”

Perhaps that’s why, in the last eight weeks, more than 13,000 Singaporeans, a record number, have already stayed away from work.

In Singapore, there are no deaths so far, the cases have not spread outside the hospital. The Republic has been successful in keeping the virus contained.

But we are doing contact tracing and testing liberally,” said Prof Fisher, who also directs research on disease control at National University Health System and the national research institute, the Agency for Science, Technology and Research.

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