

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Precautionary Measures Taken by PPIS in Response to Cases of Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia

1. In view of the Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia in Wuhan and other parts of China, PPIS has taken several precautionary measures to ensure the health and well-being of our staff, as well as the families and children that we serve.
2. PPIS operates 16 centres island wide, comprising nine Children Services and seven Social Services.
3. Most of our centres are partnered with different Ministries and government agencies. As such, our centres have adopted the recommended health advisories provided by the various agencies.
4. PPIS Child Development Centres have taken action based on advisories by the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA). This includes observing high levels of personal and environmental hygiene, as well as constant health monitoring of our young children.
5. We are implementing the 14-day compulsory Leave of Absence for our staff and students returning from mainland China. We ensure that parents are well-informed of the measures PPIS has taken or will take, as the situation develops.
6. Additionally, PPIS disseminated an advisory to all our centres which took effect from Friday, 24 January 2020. Our centres have begun daily health checks through temperature monitoring, for staff and visitors. We also ensure that there are ample supplies of surgical masks, paper towels, hand sanitisers and soap at our centres.
7. PPIS staff are highly encouraged to share their travel plans so that we can provide assistance, when needed. They have been advised to remain vigilant and check for updates from the Ministry of Health (MOH). These measures are aligned to the Ministry of Family and Social Development (MSF)'s advisory to our Social Services, such as PPIS' Family Service Centres.
8. We will monitor the situation closely and provide updates to staff, as well as the families and children we serve, whenever necessary. Our centres will continue to take directions from MOH and partnering agencies.
9. Everyone has a part to play and PPIS is committed to fulfil the responsibility in upholding these health practices within the organisation.