

NEWS ON THE FLY

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Welcome to News on the Fly, your essential bi-weekly news update! Here's this week's top stories:

Phrase of the Day

“Phased approach”

Today marks the end of ‘Circuit Breaker’ measures in Singapore and a transition into a three-phased approach to resume daily life safely. Globally, India and countries across Europe have begun to lift restrictions on the movement of people and goods. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has warned countries that the risk of returning to lockdown remains “very real” if countries do not manage the transition in a phased approach.

COVID-19: Local news

[Study using AI finds more effective drug mix to fight coronavirus](#)

30 May 2020 | [The Straits Times](#)

A new study led by Singapore researchers found that a combination of Ebola drug remdesivir with lopinavir and ritonavir, drugs used to treat patients with human immunodeficiency virus, could be 6½ times more effective at treating patients compared with just remdesivir.

[Face shields cannot be worn in place of masks](#)

2 June 2020 | [The Straits Times](#)

The Singapore government has revised its stance on the use of face shields, and only specific groups may use them instead of masks. This includes teachers, those with medical conditions which prevent them from wearing face masks and children aged 12 and below.

[What does COVID-19 mean for healthcare comms?](#)

1 June 2020 | [Campaign Asia](#)

Our Founder and Managing Partner Emma Thompson shares her views on how COVID-19 has signalled the rise of telehealth, the pivoting of physical congresses to virtual events and the increasingly important role of internal communications in building resilience and protecting employee wellbeing.

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COVID-19: Global news

Poorer countries join WHO call for virus patents to be shared

30 May 2020 | [Financial Times](#)

The WHO on Friday unveiled the COVID-19 technology access pool, or C-Tap, which aims to make treatments, vaccines and tests accessible to all. Two dozen low-income countries have joined this initiative, but they lack support from powerful governments and large pharmaceutical groups.

Pandemic antibiotics surge will cause more deaths: WHO

1 June 2020 | [AFP](#)

WHO has expressed concern that increased antibiotics use in combating COVID-19 will strengthen bacterial resistance and ultimately lead to more deaths during the crisis and beyond.

WHO experts, scientists say no evidence of COVID-19 losing potency despite top Italian doctor's claim

2 June 2020 | [The Straits Times](#) (syndicated from Reuters)

WHO experts and other scientists said on Monday that there was no evidence to support an assertion by high profile Italian doctor Professor Alberto Zangrillo that the coronavirus causing the COVID-19 pandemic has been losing potency.

Global News

US cities brace for more violent clashes over Floyd killing

1 June 2020 | [Financial Times](#)

On Sunday evening, several US cities imposed curfews and multiple states deployed National Guard troops as violent protests emerged following the police killing of George Floyd in Minnesota. These curfews are expected to continue throughout the week.

Journalists caught in the crossfire of US protests

2 June 2020 | [Financial Times](#)

Over the weekend, there were numerous attacks or arrests of journalists in the US covering nationwide protests sparked by the police killing of George Floyd. These attacks spared no outlet with incidents impacting mainstream news companies to international media.

Spurwing Picks of the Week

What has Spurwing been up to?

Trying out new recipes – be it savoury or sweet.

Inspiring our culinary creations are [Bon Appétit's](#) hilarious and creative personalities as they share recipes on: [Meals you can make with items in your freezer](#), [different types of grilled cheese sandwiches](#) and [9 desserts you can make with items from your pantry](#).



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