

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 so far:

Word of the Day

“Hidden Cases”

As Singapore moves cautiously to exit its COVID-19 circuit breaker, mass testing of all staff members has been initiated as the first step to reopening all pre-schools. However, this has also revealed a number of [hidden cases](#) of infection within the population, as several staff members have tested positive for the virus since the exercise began.

COVID-19: Local news

[Singapore's cautious approach to reopening after COVID-19 circuit breaker prioritises both lives and livelihoods: Lawrence Wong](#)

25 May 2020 | CNA

The COVID-19 multi-ministry taskforce has emphasized that Singapore's phased approach to reopening the country will allow for new cases to be quickly detected and contained, reducing the likelihood of more infections.

[Singapore reports 344 new COVID-19 cases, 3 more pre-school staff members test positive](#)

26 May 2020 | CNA

The three new cases of positive testing were detected as a result of proactive screening of all pre-school employees. They were among six new community cases reported on Monday, comprising four Singaporeans and permanent residents, as well as two work permit holders.

COVID-19: Global news

[COVID-19: WHO suspends trial of hydroxychloroquine due to safety concerns](#)

26 May 2020 | CNA

There has been a temporary pause of the hydroxychloroquine arm within the Solidarity trial, as the data safety monitoring board reviews the safety data of the drug. However, the other arm of the trial, a major international initiative to hold clinical tests of potential treatments for the virus, is still ongoing.

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[More young people are testing positive for coronavirus in US, study finds](#)

15 May 2020 | [South China Morning Post](#)

According to a new study conducted on those who had tested positive for COVID-19 in Washington state, more than half of them were younger than 40. Scientists are now warning that as the US reopens and many flock to beaches and restaurants, this could put young people and their families at greater risk.

[Race for a vaccine raises fears over unequal access](#)

26 May 2020 | [Financial Times](#)

The ability of western governments to fund COVID-19 vaccine trials in an attempt to secure supplies for their populations starkly contrasts poorer nations, who lack the resources to do so. This has raised concerns over potential unequal access to a vaccine if it becomes available.

Food

[From coastline to rooftops, Singapore boosts local production to survive a global food crisis](#)

23 May 2020 | [South China Morning Post](#)

As the world confronts the prospect of feeding a rising population, Singapore is increasingly seen as an example of using innovative food technologies to meet food demands, while managing the challenges of land constraints and climate change.

[Amazon Launches Food Delivery Service With “Amazon Food” In India](#)

25 May 2020 | [Forbes](#)

With the increase in demand for food deliveries, Amazon has launched Amazon Food in Bengaluru, India. The service is currently only available for certain postal codes and allows customers to order from establishments and cloud kitchens that have passed Amazon's hygiene certifications.

Spurwing Picks of the Week

On World Turtle Day (23 May), we were happy to see that a [critically endangered Hawksbill turtle visited Singapore's East Coast Park](#) to lay her eggs! Did you know that Hawksbill turtles can lay up to 200 eggs at a time?



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