

NEWS ON THE FLY

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

Word of the Day

“Second wave”

Relaxed lockdowns spark fear of a [new wave of COVID-19 cases](#) – as seen in Wuhan and South Korea. Re-opening countries will have to keep into consideration the impacts of a “second wave”, and ensure plans are in place to prevent this from happening.

COVID-19: Local news

[Technology to help foreign workers in dorms monitor health amid Covid-19 pandemic: Josephine Teo](#)
10 May 2020 | [The Straits Times](#)

Health monitoring will be the next step in containing the COVID-19 outbreak in foreign worker dorms. The Singaporean government is equipping them with telemedicine services and a gadget that checks oxygen levels – to ensure comprehensive surveillance.

[COVID-19: MOM lays out requirements firms must meet to resume operations at workplaces](#)
9 May 2020 | [CNA](#)

Firms must implement a system of safe management measures at workplaces to reduce physical interaction and reinforce safe distancing measures when Singaporeans are allowed to go back to work. Employers must also support contact tracing requirements and ensure cleanliness of workplace premises, among other guidelines.

COVID-19: Global news

[This is the effect COVID-19 will have on global poverty, according to the World Bank](#)
11 May 2020 | [World Economic Forum](#)

COVID-19 is likely to cause the first increase in global poverty since 1998, pushing an estimated 40-60 million people into extreme poverty.

[WHO says 'extreme vigilance' needed in exit from lockdowns](#)
11 May 2020 | [Reuters](#)

To prevent a “second wave” of COVID-19 infections, the WHO has warned that “extreme vigilance” will be required – slow and steady lifting of lockdown measures will be the key in preventing a resurgence in cases.

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[Travel 'bubbles' offer a potential way forward](#)

10 May 2020 | [The Financial Times](#)

While lifting travel bans might only come in the later part of the year, 'travel bubbles' may be the way to go, enabling countries in a similar stage of pandemic recovery to create safe travel zones between them.

Agriculture

[Agriculture sector: Preparing for disruption in the food value chain](#)

11 May 2020 | [McKinsey](#)

How will COVID-19 shape the future of the food and agriculture industry? McKinsey highlights 4 key influences in their latest report, cautioning that stakeholders must bear them in mind when planning for the future.

Environment

[Plastic piles up in Thailand as pandemic efforts sideline pollution fight](#)

11 May 2020 | [Reuters](#)

Bangkok's plastic waste has soared by 62% in April, as a result of increased deliveries which use more bubble wrap and product packaging.

Spurwing Picks of the Week

This week, here's what we're enjoying:

- A delicious [McSpicy](#) – McDonalds is finally back in Singapore!
- Watching the [animals](#) at Singapore Zoo lounge around
- [TikTok](#) – but for exercise! #getfit

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