

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

“Hydroxychloroquine”

For the past two months, the anti-malaria drug has been actively promoted by President Trump as an effective preventive measure against the coronavirus, calling the drug a “game changer”. However, according to the scientific community, there is scant evidence of its efficacy and it has a number of recorded [side effects](#).

COVID-19: Local news

[COVID-19 circuit breaker to be lifted: What you can and cannot do from June 2](#)

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

Phase one of post circuit breaker measures will kick in on 2 June as part of a three-phase process to reopening Singapore. The article provides a comprehensive view of how businesses and educational institutions will be affected.

[Delayed reopening for retail, F&B: New help package on the way](#)

20 May 2020 | [The Business Times](#)

Come 2 June, businesses will be opening in phases, with ‘working-from-home’ still the norm for many. The government will reveal another stimulus package for firms and individuals next week.

COVID-19: Global news

[Explainer: Do children spread COVID-19? Risks as schools consider reopening](#)

20 May 2020 | [Reuters](#)

There are fewer cases of COVID-19 being spread among children compared to adults, with the University of Queensland reporting less than 10 per cent of COVID cases are children. Similar reports have surfaced from studies in Iran, the Netherlands and France.

[Europe falls behind US in funding coronavirus vaccines – and securing access](#)

19 May 2020 | [Wall Street Journal](#)

As the home to many major pharmaceutical companies, European governments are hoping their citizens will be among the earliest recipients of the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available. However, vaccine funding from Europe is severely dwarfed by amounts committed by the US.

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[Coronavirus shutdown wreak devastating toll on poorest nations, World Bank Chief says](#)

19 May 2020 | [Wall Street Journal](#)

World Bank President David Malpass reveals the pandemic is causing a humanitarian emergency in the world's poorest countries - an emergency unlikely to end until rich nations are able to safely reopen their economies.

Food

[DSM launches new mozzarella cheese culture](#)

19 May 2020 | [Food Navigator](#)

Everyone loves a good cheese stretch when having pizza. DSM has unveiled DelvoCheese CP-500, its new mozzarella cheese culture, that promises a mild buttery flavour, improved stretch and melt behaviour, and reduced browning.

Healthcare

[Apple-Google contact tracing tech draws interest in 23 countries, some hedge bets](#)

21 May 2020 | [Reuters](#)

Tech giants Apple and Google have received requests from authorities in 23 countries across five continents for access to their contact tracing technology. However, their response has resulted in much frustration, as the tech giants have prioritised user privacy, requiring that governments agree to not collect phone numbers from its users.

Spurwing Picks of the Week

Singapore will be enjoying an upcoming long weekend due to Hari Raya celebrations – marking an end to a month's long fasting period among Muslims. What better way to celebrate the break than enjoying the [easiest, crunchiest baked Mac & Cheese](#).



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