

# NEWS ON THE FLY

*with Spurwing*



**Edition: 13 May – 14 May**

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

### “Mobile Swab Stations”

The Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) has deployed “[mobile swab stations](#)” this week, making COVID-19 testing conducted at foreign worker dormitories quicker and safer. Modified from an SAF ambulance to include a transparent booth and gloved holes for the tester's hands, the mobile swab stations allow the tester to sit inside the ambulance, while the foreign worker stands outside, greatly reducing the risk of infection.

## COVID-19: Local news

### [958 Covid-19 patients in Singapore discharged in new daily high; 675 new cases reported](#)

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

A total of 958 COVID-19 patients were discharged in Singapore on 13 May – this is the second time this week that the number of discharged patients has exceeded the number of new cases.

### [S'pore's Covid-19 circuit breaker measures have shown promise, could be further eased on June 1](#)

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

With the stabilisation of COVID-19 cases in foreign worker dormitories and the continued fall of community cases in Singapore, the nation is on track to easing circuit breaker measures, starting with essential services first.

## COVID-19: Global news

### [Coronavirus may never go away: WHO](#)

14 May 2020 | [CNA](#)

Michael Ryan, WHO's Emergencies Director has warned that COVID-19 might just become another endemic virus in our community – it may never go away.

### [UK researchers try to crack genetic riddle of COVID-19](#)

13 May 2020 | [Reuters](#)

Why is COVID-19 fatal to some but barely gives others a mild headache? Researchers in the UK are looking to examine COVID-19 patients, to better understand how their genetics impacted the severity of their condition.

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## [WHO stresses need to find source of coronavirus](#)

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

COVID-19 has infected more than four million people worldwide. Understanding how it was able to invade the human species so quickly will be key in preventing such a phenomenon from happening again.

## Food

### [2020 Global Nutrition Report](#)

13 May 2020 | [Global Nutrition Report](#)

The 2020 Global Nutrition Report emphasises the importance of increasing access to healthy and sustainable food for individuals all across the world to prevent millions from going hungry, especially as COVID-19 continues to test our already fragile food systems.

## Healthcare

### [Reprogrammed skin cells inserted in brain help Parkinson's patient regain function: study](#)

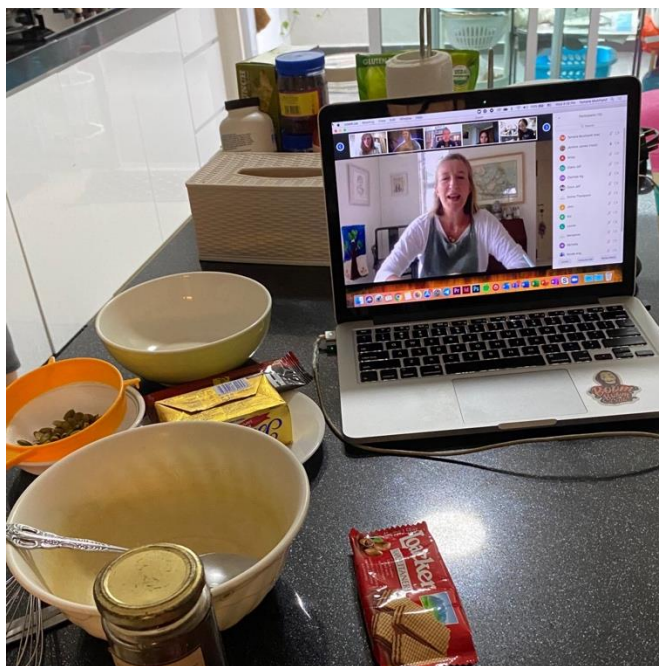
14 May 2020 | [Reuters](#)

Inserting skin cells reprogrammed to produce dopamine in the brain has proven successful in the fight against Parkinson's – a 69 year-old man is now able to tie his shoes again, resuming swimming and biking after undergoing the experimental treatment.

## Spurwing Picks of the Week

What has Spurwing been up to?

Yesterday, we held a bake-off and made chocolate fridge cake as a team! Thanks Ghillie for the great session!



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