



MINISTRY OF HEALTH
SINGAPORE

ADVISORY FOR INDIVIDUALS SHARING RESIDENTIAL SPACES WITH PERSONS ISSUED STAY-HOME NOTICE

ADVISORY FOR INDIVIDUALS SHARING ROOM / APARTMENT WITH PERSONS UNDER STAY-HOME NOTICE

1. While you can continue to share the same room/apartment with a person under SHN, you are encouraged to reduce interaction and minimise contact with them. For example, you can avoid close and sustained contact by not sharing a bed, avoiding common areas within the apartment as much as possible, having separate meal times or eating in dedicated spaces, ensuring proper ventilation etc..
2. Avoid sharing the same toilet with persons under SHN where possible. If not possible, toilet must be cleaned after each use by the person under SHN.
3. Avoid having visitors to the residence. In this regard, the person under SHN is not allowed to have visitors, and is prohibited against coming into contact with any persons that are not ordinarily resident in the room/apartment.
4. Avoid sharing food, crockery, utensils and other personal hygiene items.
5. Maintain good personal hygiene at all times. This includes flushing the toilet after use and regular hand washing with soap and water (including before and after handling food or eating, and after going to the toilet).
6. Ensure that the home is clean and well-ventilated, and ensure that frequently touched surfaces such as doorknobs, taps, handles, countertops are wiped down with disinfectant regularly.
7. If there are vulnerable persons in the household, e.g. seniors aged 60 and above, persons with underlying health conditions, advise the person under SHN to avoid interacting with the vulnerable persons and consider alternative accommodation if these interactions cannot be avoided.
8. If any member in the household develops fever and/or respiratory symptoms, seek medical assistance at the nearest Public Health Preparedness Clinic (PHPC) immediately and inform the doctor that you are living with a person who has recently returned from overseas.

ADVISORY FOR DORM OPERATORS / LANDLORDS / MANAGEMENT OF PREMISES / FACILITIES

9. Dorm operators, landlords and other relevant management of facilities should not evict occupants under SHN from their place of accommodation.
10. If an occupant under SHN is sharing a room with others, there should be a wide separation between beds and dedicated spaces for storage of belongings. Occupants under SHN should not enter or mix in spaces allocated to other persons.
11. Occupants under SHN must remain at their place of accommodation at all times. They are not to use public common facilities such as function rooms or gyms. Where toilet-sharing is inevitable, the toilet must be cleaned after each use by the person under SHN.
12. Please ensure that your facilities/premises are kept clean. Routine cleaning of facilities/premises should be carried out as per normal. No special precautions, such as masks, gloves or disinfectant use, are needed beyond that used for routine cleaning.
13. Avoid having visitors to the dorm/premises/facilities. In this regard, the person under SHN is not allowed to have visitors, and is prohibited against coming into contact with any persons that are not ordinarily resident in the same room (in other words, there should not be contact by the person under SHN with occupants from, for example, other rooms in the dorm).
14. If the occupant under SHN turns unwell (e.g. fever, cough or breathlessness), take down the names and contact details of all persons who have come into close contact with the occupant when he/she was feeling unwell. The occupant should seek medical attention through the relevant channels e.g. work pass holders should seek assistance from their employers, employment agents or the dormitory operators. Where leaving the place of accommodation e.g. to seek medical attention, the occupant under SHN must wear a mask over his nose and mouth. If the occupant is confirmed to have COVID-19, MOH officers will contact the facility operator/management to trace all those who came into contact with the occupant.

PENALTIES FOR BREACH OF STAY-HOME NOTICE

15. Individuals who breach their Stay-Home Notice by leaving their place of accommodation, without reasonable excuse, may be prosecuted under the Infectious Diseases (COVID-19 – Stay Orders) Regulations 2020. First-time offenders can be fined up to \$10,000, jailed for up to six months, or both.
16. For further information, please visit the MOH website at <http://www.moh.gov.sg/>

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS) FOR INDIVIDUALS SHARING RESIDENTIAL SPACES WITH PERSONS UNDER STAY-HOME NOTICE

1. Can someone live in the same room as a person under Stay-Home Notice (SHN)?

If you had already been living with the person under SHN from prior to his or her receipt of the SHN, you can continue to live in the same room. However, you are encouraged to avoid interaction. For example, avoid sharing a bed, set the beds as far apart as possible, minimise spending time together, have separate meal times, ensure that the room has proper ventilation, etc..

2. Can persons under SHN share the same toilet as other occupants in the same household?

You are advised to avoid sharing the same toilet where possible. If it is not possible to do so, avoid using the toilet at the same time and clean toilet surfaces after each use.

You may also wish to allow some time to pass between toilet usage, in order to allow any remaining water droplets after showers to settle to the ground. Sharing the same roll of toilet paper is safe as long as the toilet roll is not stained, soiled or wet.

Do not share towels.

3. I operate a dormitory. Do I need to segregate a person under a SHN from other occupants of the dorm?

While persons under SHN can stay in the same dormitory room as others, where possible and practical, measures to minimise contact between a person under SHN and other occupants are encouraged. Examples of these could include separating belongings of workers to minimise overlapping circulating space, having separate meal times, ensuring proper ventilation, etc..

Do not share beds. New persons should *not* be introduced to stay in the same dormitory room as the occupant under SHN.