



**EMBASSY ADVISORY**

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**GENERAL HEALTH BULLETIN FOR FILIPINOS IN SINGAPORE**

***COVID-19 Situation in Singapore***

The Ministry of Health (MOH) and Communicable Diseases Agency (CDA) monitored a recent increase in COVID-19 infections in Singapore. **There is no indication that the variants circulating locally are more transmissible or can cause more severe diseases** as compared to previously circulating variants.

According to a [press release](#) issued by the MOH on 13 May, the estimated number of COVID-19 cases in the week of 27 April to 3 May 2025 rose to 14,200 cases, compared to 11,100 cases in the previous week. Over the same period, the average daily COVID-19 hospitalizations rose from 102 to 133, but the average daily Intensive Care Unit cases decreased from three to two cases.

As with other endemic respiratory diseases, periodic COVID-19 waves are expected throughout the year. The increase in cases could be due to several factors, including waning population immunity. Individuals at increased risk of severe COVID-19, such as those aged 60 years and above, medically vulnerable individuals or residents of aged care facilities, are recommended to keep updated with vaccinations.

*Kababayans* who live and work in Singapore may wish to receive an additional dose of COVID-19 vaccination, around one year after their last dose. COVID-19 vaccinations are available at Healthier SG General Practitioner clinics and Polyclinics. For more information, please visit <https://vaccine.gov.sg/covid>.

*Kababayans*, including Filipino travellers to Singapore, are advised to remain vigilant and observe precautionary health measures including:

- a. Maintaining good personal hygiene such as frequent handwashing and covering one's nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing;
- b. Minimizing social interactions and unnecessary travel when unwell; and
- c. Wearing a mask in crowded areas, or when displaying symptoms such as having a runny nose, sore throat, headache and/or fever.

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### ***Use of E-Vaporizers/Vaping in Singapore***

Filipino residents in Singapore as well as Filipino travellers are advised that the use and possession of e-vaporizers are **illegal** in Singapore. Under the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) Act, the possession, use or purchase of e-vaporizers carries a maximum fine of \$2,000. It is an offence to import, distribute, sell or offer for sale e-vaporizers and their components. Any person convicted of an offence is liable to a fine of up to \$10,000, or imprisonment of up to six months or both for the first offence, and a fine of up to \$20,000, or imprisonment of up to 12 months or both for the second or subsequent offence. All prohibited tobacco items will be seized and confiscated.

On 16 May, MOH and the Health Sciences Authority (HSA) of Singapore reported that from January 2024 to March 2025, more than 17,900 persons were caught for the possession and use of e-vaporizers. Travellers bringing prohibited tobacco products into Singapore will be fined, and transport companies and drivers involved in importing these products are liable to be prosecuted. **Convicted foreigners will be deported and barred from re-entering Singapore.**

HSA is also collaborating more closely with local e-commerce and social media platforms to take down e-vaporizer online listings. More than 6,800 listings of e-vaporizer and related components online were removed from January 2024 to March 2025. This was more than double the 3,100 listings removed in 2023. 15 persons were also identified and fined for posting photographs or videos of e-vaporizers on their social media accounts in the same period.

Keep updated. Follow the Embassy's social media accounts ([Facebook](#) and [Instagram @PhinSingapore](#)) and join the Filipino Community WhatsApp Channel at [phinsg.com/WhatsAppSGPE](https://phinsg.com/WhatsAppSGPE) to get the latest information on the Embassy's activities, events and announcements. /END

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