

HomeTeamNS Media Statement

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Clarification about three COVID-19 cases linked to Jewel Music Box KTV located at HomeTeamNS Khatib Clubhouse

HomeTeamNS would like to clarify the circumstances pertaining to the three COVID-19 cases linked to Jewel Music Box KTV, located at HomeTeamNS Khatib, on 1 and 2 August 2020.

The HomeTeamNS Khatib clubhouse began operations on 1 August 2020, with 60 per cent of its facilities and outlets open. No official opening events or activities were held. Members of the public can however visit the clubhouse to dine and use the facilities that have already opened, subject to the safe management measures in place¹. Jewel Music Box KTV is a tenant of the clubhouse, but is not permitted to open for business yet.

Neither HomeTeamNS nor Jewel Music Box KTV made any arrangements nor extended any invitations to visitors at the clubhouse to view the KTV's premises on 1 and 2 August 2020. On those days, the KTV's doors were not closed because of ongoing minor works, which inadvertently allowed passers-by to enter to view the interior layout. As the KTV was not in operation, there was no singing at any point. The KTV remains closed till further notice.

As reported by the Ministry of Health (MOH) on 19 August 2020, a total of 321 individuals entered the KTV outlet over the two days. This translates to an average of 16 persons each hour.

Since the first notification on 11 August 2020 of the first infected case which visited HomeTeamNS, and the subsequent notifications of other confirmed cases, HomeTeamNS has been cooperating with MOH on its investigations and contact tracing.

Affected areas within the clubhouse and the KTV's premises have been thoroughly disinfected, and cleaning and disinfection at all common and high-touch areas has been stepped up.

¹ Safe Management Measures in all HomeTeamNS' clubhouses are carried out in accordance with guidelines set out by the Inter-Agency Taskforce. Some of the measures (non-exhaustive) include:

- Wearing of Face Masks
- Safe Entry and Temperature Screening Checks at the entry point
- Social Distancing of 1m
- Capacity Limits in Facilities (i.e. Gym and Swimming Pool) and Tenanted Outlets
- Cleaning and Disinfecting of high-touch points, such as lift buttons, hand rails, toilet flush (including application of SDST agents)
- Safe Distancing Stickers
- Hand Sanitisers at Common Areas
- Frequent Cleaning of Common Areas