

Singapore's response to H1N1

The H1N1 or swine flu infected 430,000 people in Singapore and killed 21 within a 10-month period.

2009

April 25

- WHO declares "public health emergency of international concern".

April 27

- Singapore starts containment phase with thermal scanning of incoming passengers at airports.

April 28

- Singapore raises alert level to **yellow***. Full personal protection equipment to be worn in high-risk areas.

April 29

- WHO raises pandemic influenza alert to five, indicating widespread infection.

April 30

- Singapore raises alert level to **orange**.

May 11

- Singapore lowers alert level to **yellow**.

May 26

- **First imported case** in Singapore.

June 18

- **First community case** in Singapore.

July 9

- Singapore enters Mitigation phase. Mild cases to be managed in the community.

July 11

- Singapore stops thermal scanning at checkpoints.

July 18

- **First H1N1 death** in Singapore.

2010

Feb 26

- The death of a boy aged five brings the total number of **fatalities here to 21**.

*There are four Dorson levels – from green, for all is fine, to red, the highest level.

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