



# Lives or livelihoods?

Is Singapore being too cautious in reopening the economy, or has it struck the right balance to protect people's health? In The Sunday Times tomorrow, Salma Khalik and Lim Yan Liang discuss the issue with health experts and business owners.

ST senior health correspondent Salma Khalik moderating a discussion. The panellists included Professor David Heymann, an infectious disease epidemiologist at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, the NCID's Professor Leo Yee Sin, and NUS' Professor Teo Yik Ying.



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In the past week, the number of positive Covid-19 cases was so low that reopening in four to six weeks seemed overly cautious. So, when I heard the Government is prepared to relook this in the middle of June, I was encouraged.



**MS BONNIE WONG**,  
chief operating officer of Creative  
Eateries restaurant group.

There will be countries that will definitely experience a second wave of infection. And we saw from experience with the Spanish flu that the second wave can be much deadlier.



**PROFESSOR TEO YIK YING**,  
dean, NUS Saw Swee Hock  
School of Public Health.

The most important thing is that we do progressive opening and we adjust along the way and we find a balance.



**PROFESSOR LEO YEE SIN**, executive  
director of the National Centre for  
Infectious Diseases (NCID).