



Announcements by PM Lee on 3 April regarding COVID-19

In a move to pre-empt escalating infections and prevent large scale outbreak of COVID-19 in Singapore, PM Lee Hsien Loong and the ministerial taskforce announced stricter, "circuit breaker" measures in a live telecast to the nation on 3 April 2020. The aim is to reduce much more significantly, movements and interactions in public and private places.

In sum, the pertinent measures were:

1. The suspension of activities at all workplace premises for one month wef Tuesday, 7 April. Exceptions will be granted to essential services and economic sectors (entities in strategic industries or are part of the global supply chain). Work and business activities that can be carried out via telecommuting from home should continue.
2. Full home-based learning for all schools for one month wef Wednesday, 8 April. Preschools and student care centres will also be closed but to offer limited services for children whose parents are in the essential services and/or without alternative care arrangements.
3. Tighter restrictions on movements and gatherings of people. Public advised to stay at home and avoid interactions with anyone other than immediate family members living in the same household. Supermarkets, wet markets, food suppliers and all food establishments (for takeaway only) will remain open. All other non-essential retail stores will close. Masks are recommended for those who need to go out, and are unable to avoid close contact with others.

Read PM Lee's full speech here: <https://www.pmo.gov.sg/Newsroom/PM-Lee-Hsien-Loong-on-the-COVID19-situation-in-Singapore-on-3-April-2020>

Exemption from Suspension of Activities: Companies to apply by 13 April

The government has announced the suspension of all business, social, or other activities that cannot be conducted through telecommuting from home, from 7 April to 4 May 2020 (inclusive). Essential Services and their related supply chains, as well as entities that form a part of the global supply chain, are exempted from the suspension.

A list of essential activities that will be allowed to continue to operate can be found here: <https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg/essentialservices>. Noting the concerns of the aerospace community, we draw your attention to the following:

- Under Manufacturing and Distribution, the list includes:
 - Aerospace maintenance, repair & overhaul (MRO) companies and their suppliers
- Under Transportation & Storage, the list includes:
 - Air traffic control, airport operations, air transport services, runway enhancement and maintenance
 - 3rd party logistics providers, freight forwarders, trucking, air express integrators
 - Transportation that is necessary to support other Essential Services
 - All warehouses and storage services to support other Essential Services

Entities that carry out activities listed on the above-mentioned website should submit an application at <https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg> by end of 13 April 2020 for review. Entities which are not performing services listed but believe they have strong grounds for exemption from the suspension may appeal to be exempted via the same website.

- **We encourage all members to review the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) guidance document and FAQs here: [Suspension of Activities at Workplace Premises to Reduce COVID-19 Transmission](#)**
- **Please submit your applications at <https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg> by end of 13 April 2020**
- **Please refer to the Ministry of Manpower's Additional Safe Distancing Measures for the Workplace here: <https://www.mom.gov.sg/newsroom/press-releases/2020/0403-additional-safe-distancing-measures-for-the-workplace>**
- If clarifications are required, you may wish to contact
 - MTI at 6898 1800; or
 - MOM at 6438 5122

Survey: Business Impact of COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has confronted aerospace executives and managers with a range of decisions never before contemplated. In this rapidly-moving environment, we seek your inputs on your business and workplace concerns and ways we can collectively address these.

Please take a few minutes to complete our COVID-19 survey.

Take the Survey

Voice of Industry: AAIS in the News

Following the announcement of the Resilience Budget on 26 March 2020, AAIS was given the opportunity to comment on the measures for the Aviation & Tourism sector, in an interview with Channel NewsAsia. Please find our statement below.

"The aerospace industry in Singapore employs a skilled workforce of about 21,000 people and commands 10% of the global aerospace market (as reported by Singapore Economic Development Board in 2019).

Airlines rely on aerospace companies and Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) services to keep their aircraft flying. For example, planes that land in Singapore have to undergo line maintenance to prepare them for their next flight. In recent years, many airlines have moved towards 'Power by the Hour' contracts, which means that when their planes do not fly, there is no requirement for MRO services. The grounding of fleets and disruption to airline businesses due to the COVID-19 situation, therefore, directly affects the aerospace sector as well.

We laud the support measures for the aviation sector - which have been offered, in particular, to airlines, airport and ground handling operators. These are important to help maintain Singapore's capabilities as an air hub. Given the strong link and interdependence between aviation and aerospace, we hope that the government will also consider extending additional support to our sector as well. Though the immediate outlook is uncertain, we must ensure that our industry retains its capabilities and talent to provide critical support the aviation sector once air travel recovers.

As an Association, AAIS is mobilising the aerospace community for mutual support. We have set up an Aerospace COVID-19 Taskforce (ACT) and are conducting sessions with members to gather feedback and ideas. One of the first initiatives the taskforce is looking into, is facilitating the sharing of knowledge and resources among aerospace companies during this crisis, so we can support each other, and in some cases even help each other develop new capabilities, and enhance our processes and efficiency."

Read the CNA article here: <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/covid-19-aviation-support-package-will-help-industry-ride-out-12583134>

INDUSTRY ACTIVITIES

BCM Webinar: Leadership for Business Continuity in the COVID-19 Pandemic

Date(s): 7 April 2020 **(Register ASAP!)**

What strategies and approaches are being taken by leading aerospace companies to manage business impact and changes in their organisations amid the evolving situation? Join us for the first session of our webinar series on Business Continuity Management (BCM) featuring AAIS Vice President and General Manager of Pratt & Whitney Turbine Overhaul Services, Mr Richard Wong. Listen in as he shares his views and experience in leading BCM for the PW entities in Singapore.

[Read more](#)

BCM Webinar 2: Ensuring Business Continuity in Operations

Date(s): 9 April 2020 **(Register ASAP!)**

What kind of changes have been implemented in leading aerospace companies to adapt to changing circumstances and keep business going? How do you organise for rapid response to situations that evolve daily? This BCM webinar will feature Mr Maxwell Davis, Enterprise Risk Manager Asia-Pacific at Rolls-Royce Singapore. Listen in as he shares his views and experience in developing and maintaining the Business Continuity Plans for the company's facilities in Seletar.

[Read more](#)

Workshop: End-to-End Additive Manufacturing for Aerospace

Date(s): 21 May 2020

Save-the-date to take part in this Additive Manufacturing workshop for the aerospace community. Learn more about Siemen's Advance Manufacturing Transformation Center, which includes the Digital Enterprise Experience Center (DEX), the AM Experience Center and Rental Labs, providing a one-stop ecosystem to support companies embarking on their digital transformation journeys. Limited places available.

[Read more](#)

Postponed: Business Mission - MRO Americas Exhibition

Date(s): ~~28-30 April 2020~~ **1-3 Sept 2020**

AAIS will be organising a business mission to Dallas, Texas (USA) in conjunction with Aviation Week's flagship exhibition and conference - MRO Americas. This is among the most influential and strategic events for commercial aerospace MRO organisations. Join other Singapore companies and exhibit under the Singapore Pavilion, with support from Enterprise Singapore. Please contact AAIS to find out more/register your interest.

[Read more](#)



Association of Aerospace Industries (Singapore)
690 West Camp Road, #08-08 JTC Aviation Two
Seletar Aerospace Park, Singapore 797523

