



MEDIA RELEASE

Suspension of Nosh Cuisine Pte Ltd's food business operations

The Ministry of Health (MOH), the Singapore Food Agency (SFA), and the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA) are investigating three incidents of gastroenteritis reported at MindChamps preschools (MindChamps Preschool @ Bishan, MindChamps Preschool @ Changi Airport and MindChamps Preschool @ Tanglin). As of 12pm, 30 May 2023, a total of 89 persons (79 children and 10 staff) reported gastroenteritis symptoms after consuming food prepared by Nosh Cuisine Pte Ltd between 17 May and 29 May 2023. Six were hospitalised and are in stable condition. The rest had either sought outpatient treatment, self-medicated, or recovered without treatment.

2 In view of the suspected ongoing transmission, SFA has suspended the food business operations of Nosh Cuisine Pte Ltd located at 171 Kampong Ampat, #05-12 and #06-10, KA Foodlink, Singapore 368330 with effect from 30 May 2023 until further notice. The licensee is required to clean and sanitise the premises, including equipment and utensils, and dispose all ready-to-eat food and perishable food items.

3 All food handlers working in the premises are required to re-attend and pass the Food Safety Course Level 1 and test negative for foodborne pathogens, before they can resume work as food handlers. The appointed Food Hygiene Officer working at the premises must re-attend and pass the Food Safety Course Level 3 before he/she can resume work as a Food Hygiene Officer.

4 Food safety is a joint responsibility. SFA would like to remind food operators to observe good food and personal hygiene practices at all times. SFA will not hesitate to take firm action against anyone found to be in violation of the Environmental Public Health Act. In the interest of maintaining a high standard of food hygiene at all eating establishments, we would also like to advise members of the public who come across poor hygiene practices in food establishments not to patronise such outlets but to report to SFA via the online feedback form (www.sfa.gov.sg/feedback) with details for our follow-up investigations.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH, EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AND SINGAPORE FOOD AGENCY

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