

Changes to healthcare protocols from Sept 15

- Home recovery will be the default for infected individuals below 50 who are fully vaccinated and have no underlying illnesses, as long as they are generally well with mild or no symptoms.
- Vaccinated patients may be discharged in seven days, down from a minimum of 10, if they have undetectable or very low viral loads. Unvaccinated patients will continue to be discharged from 14 days into their illness.
- Contact tracing will focus on preventing large clusters at high-risk and vulnerable settings rather than interviewing every individual case, since each interview takes about two hours.
- Given the Delta variant's shorter incubation period, the quarantine period will be reduced from 14 days to 10 days from the date of last exposure.
- Booster shots will be available for seniors aged 60 and above, residents of aged care facilities and individuals who are immunocompromised.