

## **Singapore Covid-19**

There have been many changes throughout the covid-19 period in Singapore. I still remembered that the first time when I heard about it, it was not so severe. Everything was still normal, the only change that we had was the implementation for the people that are coming in Singapore from Wuhan, China. They must be isolation for 14 days and they must report their whereabouts to the Singapore government. Slowly it increases to more countries and more rules were implemented. It is against the law for the isolated people to wander outside during their 14 days of “stay home noticed”. In Singapore, when you get tested positive for coronavirus, you will straight be quarantine until you recover from it. But for example, if you come from Wuhan, but tested negative for coronavirus, you will still have to stay home for 14 days. In these 14 days, you will not be able to travel anywhere, and you will need to stay in your room for the whole time unless for those essential moments like going to the bathroom. Did you know that some of the people went against the law and went out during their stay home noticed period? Now some of them have to face jail time in Singapore.

*You can read more about the news in the link below:*

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/courts-crime/jail-for-man-who-breached-stay-home-notice-to-eat-bak-kut-teh>

There have been many changes for dining out in Singapore as well. If I remembered correctly the first implementation was just sitting/queuing 1 metre away from customers. Wearing mask was not essential, it was optional. I have a picture to show you how it was like.



You can see from this photo that not everyone is wearing mask, in fact I think none of them are. You can however see that some of the seats are being taped, that means you are not supposed to sit at the taped seats for the social safe distancing. Well, it wasn't a success in stopping the coronavirus, so new laws have been implemented again.



Now everyone will not be allowed to eat outside, you can only buy your food and bring it back home to eat, you will always have to wear mask as well. It has become a law in Singapore for now. Once you step out of your house, you will have to wear a mask, even if it is just to throw your thrash away. You will be fined \$300 for the first offence if you are caught for not wearing a mask. Now, who will be charging and looking for these people?

Police officers and the new inspectors just for this covid-19 period. These inspectors can be normal office workers that have become jobless due to covid-19 or those who are too bored at home. They will be out there to help maintain the safety in Singapore.

The only time when you can go out now is when you exercise, like jogging/running, activities like dragonboat will be prohibited due to close physical contact. You can also go out to buy your groceries at the supermarket, or to see doctor. Those essential places like hospitals will still be open other than that pretty much everything is closed. Schools have been closed, classes have become online. A lot of places have been shut down as well, like the clubs, karaoke places, cinemas, shopping malls and a lot more. I have become jobless as well due to this virus, I was working as a part timer in this bar. Nevertheless, there are still some help from our government for those who have lost their jobs during this tough time, so it is not that bad. I have been staying home for two months already, and I do not know how long more will this last. I hope that everyone out there is safe, we will overcome this covid-19 together.