

Sustainable Governance

(The successful case of COVID 19 SARS)

Key Issues

- Effective Leadership
- Ensure Trust and Confidence in the Government
- Proper and rational decisions
- Promote Compliance of the public
- Induce Self motivation of the public

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In case of Medical Crisis (Epidemic/Pandemic)

- ACTIONS supported by SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE
- Lessons learnt from Past Experience

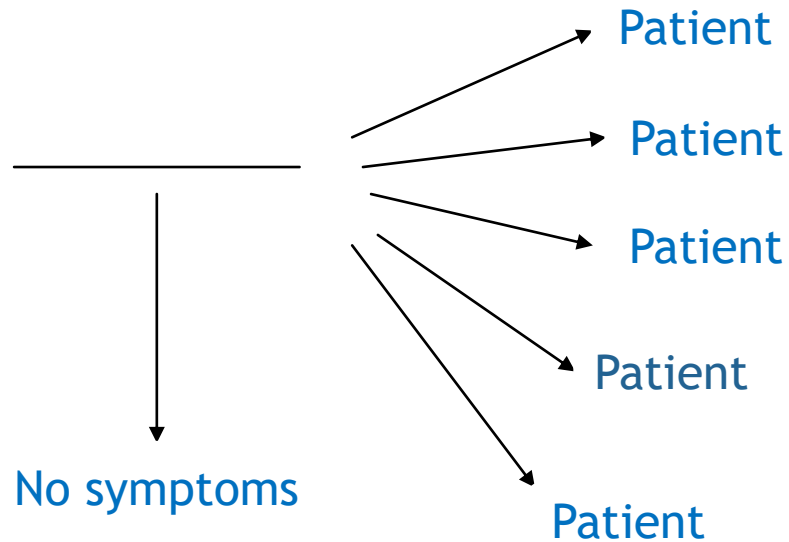
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Prevention of spread (from one case to pandemic)

Prevention of COMMUNITY SPREAD

Single patient
carrying the
infection



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Steps in controlling an infection to prevent
Pandemic (COVID 19 SAR MERS AIDS etc)

Stage I

- Identify the source (patient)
- Isolation of source
- Quarantine contacts

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**Steps in controlling an infection to prevent
Pandemic (COVID 19 SAR MERS AIDS etc)**

Stage II

- Identify the cause (coronavirus)
- Develop curative medications
- Develop preventive vaccines

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Success Story of SARS

Using the basic principles

- Identify the source (spreader/superspreader)
- Identify the means of spread
- Self prevention/protection
- Prevent community spread

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Success Story of SARS

How did we prevent/minimize COMMUNITY SPREAD

- Isolate and Quarantine source and contacts
- Immediate quarantine all residents of AMOY Garden
- **Effective contact tracing - collaboration between Police Department and Hospital Authority/Health Department**
- Prohibit visitation of all infected victims (Apology to victims and relatives)

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Success Story (Failure) of SARS

- Change in public behavior
 - Mask
 - Wash hands etc.
- Acknowledge the existence/importance of infectious disease
- Build more facilities of isolation/quarantine
- Better international/border communication

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Success story (failure) of SARS

Regrettable 17 years have passed and we still have

No medication to cure

No vaccine to prevent

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The difficulties with COVID 19

- Long INCUBATION period
- Extended period for Spreader to contact public

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How did HK score?

Admittedly we have done well :

Total No. of Case 1065

Total No. of Death 4

Total No. of Recovery over 1029

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Why did HK have such good results

Efforts of the Public

- Self motivation
- Compliance with Government's decision

Efforts of Government

- Our time honoured public health care system
 - No patient is turned away
- Our dedicated public health care professionals
- Effective prevention of people entering HK from Wuhan (at a later stage)
- Effective screening and isolation of people entering HK (at a later stage)
- Closing of high risk establishments
- Compulsory imposed social distancing

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Could HK have done even better?

Some unexplainable action taken by Government

- Jan 21 Health declaration for all passengers entering HK from Wuhan by air flight

Exemption for those entering via high speed train
(subsequent imposed on Jan 25)

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Could HK have done even better?

Some unexplainable action taken by Government

- March 17

Declare that as of March 19 all entry to HK will have to abide by 14 days isolation (why a delay of 2 days when many will rush back especially HK resident to beat the deadline)

? Source of community spread

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Could HK have done even better?

Some unexplainable action taken by Government

- March 23

All HK resident will have to undergo COVID 19 test (They will be issued a container for self collection and return to the authority the next day for tests

They are allowed to travel by public transport

They will be in contact with family members

? Source of community spread

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HK needs to be even more prepared :

- Train more manpower
- More medical facilities
- More isolation/quarantine facilities
- Prepare our own PPE
- More resources for research

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“MAKE HAY while the SUN SHINE”

Infectious diseases will return!