



# *NATO Stability Policing Centre of Excellence Lessons Learned Branch*



Subject: ACT - RFS 20#042 / NATO COVID-19 LL Campaign

## **ODCR FORM**

**TITLE:** BEST PRACTICE

**OBSERVATION:**

Quarantine of possible cases - During the 2003 SARS outbreak in Singapore

**DISCUSSION**

During the 2003 SARS outbreak in Singapore, approximately 8000 people were subjected to mandatory home quarantine and an additional 4300 were required to self-monitor for symptoms and make daily telephone contact with health authorities as a means of controlling the epidemic. Although only 58 of these individuals were eventually diagnosed with SARS, public health officials were satisfied that this measure assisted in preventing further spread of the infection.

**CONCLUSION**

Voluntary self-isolation may have helped reduce transmission of SARS.

**RECOMMENDATION**