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Five Britons contract coronavirus in French ski resort

London. — Five British nationals including a child have been diagnosed with the coronavirus in France, after staying in the same ski chalet with a person who had been in Singapore, French health officials said yesterday.

The new cases emerged after authorities began to retrace the recent travels of one British citizen confirmed by Britain to have contracted the virus in recent days, senior health official Jerome Salomon told a news conference.

Agnes Buzyn, France's health minister, added that the group of people newly in-

fectured with the virus were not in a serious condition. They had formed "a cluster, a grouping around one original case", she said, after staying in the same chalet, in the Contamines-Montjoie resort in Savoie in eastern France. Contamines is in the French Alps, close to the Swiss city of Geneva.

"That original case was brought to our attention last night, it is a British national who had returned from Singapore where he had stayed between January 20 and 23, and he arrived in France on January 24 for four days," Buzyn said.

BRITISH FAMILY WAITING ON TEST RESULTS IN PALMA HOSPITAL

- The British family of four have been placed in isolation as a precaution while tests are carried out to establish whether they are suffering from the coronavirus.
- The father was reportedly in contact with someone who recently tested positive in France.
- Samples have already been taken from all four patients and have been sent to a specialised hospital on the mainland.
- The results of the tests should be known either today or tomorrow, according to local hospital sources.
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Doctors at Son Espases made a statement to the media yesterday.