



**COVID-19 OUTBREAK CONTROL AND PREVENTION STATE CELL
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Appeal to Public

Any person with travel history to COVID19 affected countries or person with contact with such a traveler, whether they are having symptoms or not, must remain in home isolation. Avoid social greetings by touching, like hugs or handshake. Don't touch your face, nose and eyes. Use handkerchief while coughing/ sneezing. Use masks, only if you are taking a care of a person with suspected COVID-19 infection, or if you have symptoms. Healthy persons are not supposed to wear medical masks. Those who are wearing masks should know how to use and dispose it properly. N95 masks should not be worn by the public.

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WHO has declared the COVID-19 epidemic affecting **129** countries as a Pandemic. Due to the inflow of persons from affected countries, Kerala state has strengthened the surveillance and control measures against the disease.

Home/Hospital Isolation

- **7677** persons are placed under surveillance, out of which **7375** are under home isolation and **302** are admitted in designated isolation facilities.

Sample Testing

- Till date **1897** samples of suspect cases have been sent for testing out of which **1345** came as negative.

Call Centre: 0471 2309250, 2309251, 2309252, 2309253, 2309254, 2309255

DISHA: 0471-2552056, 1056

Test Results

- Total positive cases till today is 22.

Advisory

- In the background of the present COVID-19 outbreak, the general public is advised to adhere to health advisories issued by the State Government. Public should follow the cough etiquette by covering the nose and mouth using handkerchief/towel while sneezing/coughing. Do frequent handwashing with soap and water. Those who have arrived from the COVID-19 affected countries should remain under strict home isolation.

Complimentary Activities

- **66** training videos has been prepared so far for training of Staff of Health Department and other line departments. The videos have been disseminated through the “Kerala Health Online Training” YouTube channel of the Directorate of Health Services (<https://www.youtube.com/c/keralahealthonlinetraining>).
- Single window communication channel established with all district control rooms for high priority communications, headed at the state by state control room. Automated data capturing formats for real time data capturing from districts established.
- Human resource management teams have been constituted at the state and district levels. Adequate HR has been ensured for isolation, airport surveillance, transport, isolation services, contact tracing and call centre
- Adequate infrastructure facilities ensured at all designated isolation facilities.
- For providing psychosocial support to the families of suspected persons **133** persons have been deployed across the state. **7921** tele counselling services were provided till date.

- In order to strengthen the services provided by the State Call centre, three additional lines have been provided which brings the call centre capacity to a total of six lines.

Annexure –1: Details of persons under Surveillance

District	Cumulative no. of Persons under observation as on today	Cumulative no. of persons under home isolation as on today	Cumulative no. of symptomatic persons hospitalized as on today	No. of persons hospitalized today
Thiruvananthapuram	313	284	29	15
Kollam	308	290	18	7
Pathanamthitta	969	941	28	4
Idukki	58	58	0	0
Kottayam	802	791	11	1
Alappuzha	523	513	10	1
Ernakulam	526	500	26	3
Thrissur	1391	1331	60	12
Palakkad	154	132	22	5
Malappuram	195	164	31	22
Kozhikode	1837	1819	18	16
Wayanad	105	105	0	0
Kannur	261	218	43	20
Kasaragod	235	229	6	0
Total	7677	7375	302	106

Annexure -2: Chronology of Positive cases

No. of patients	District	Present Status	Remarks
3	Thrissur Alappuzha Kasargod	Negative	Discharged
5	Pathanamthitta	Positive	Under treatment
1	Ernakulam	Positive	Under treatment
8	Pathanamthitta - 4	Positive	Under treatment
	Kottayam - 2		
	Ernakulam -2		
2	Kannur -1	Positive	Under treatment
	Thrissur -1		
3	Thiruvananthapuram -3	Positive	Under treatment
19 positive cases are currently under treatment			

District	No. of positive cases
Thiruvananthapuram	3
Pathanamthitta	9
Kottayam	2
Ernakulam	3
Thrissur	1
Kannur	1
Total	19