



**nCORONA VIRUS OUTBREAK CONTROL AND PREVENTION STATE CELL
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WHO has declared the recent Novel Corona Virus (2019-nCoV) epidemic affecting 23 countries as International Public Health Emergency of International Concern. In this context, Kerala state has strengthened the surveillance and control measures against the disease. Till date, **2239** travellers from corona affected countries have been identified and placed under surveillance, out of which **2155** are under home isolation and **84** are admitted in selected isolation facilities. Till date **140** persons samples have been sent to National Institute of Virology for testing out of which results of **46** samples came as negative. A Student from Kasargod, with a history of travel from Wuhan, China has been tested to be positive for 2019-nCoV. The health status of all students who were tested positive for Corona Virus remain satisfactory. The hospital authorities have confirmed that the health condition of all symptomatic persons under isolation in hospitals are stable. A 24x7 control room has been set up in the State and all District Head Quarters. A minimum of two hospitals with isolation facilities have been identified in each district. Sample testing for nCoV at NIV, Alappuzha Unit is functional, and samples are being tested now.

The Apex committee of SDMA was conducted today by chief secretary . It was decided to declare the nCorona Virus epidemic as state calamity and take all necessary steps to ensure the outbreak is effectively controlled.

In the background of the present nCorona Virus 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 corona affected countries should remain under strict home

isolation for 28 days from the date of arrival in India, irrespective of whether they are symptomatic or asymptomatic.

District	Cumulative No. of Passengers from china under observation as on today	Cumulative No. of asymptomatic Passengers under home isolation as on today	Cumulative No. of symptomatic passengers hospitalised as on today	No. of symptomatic passengers hospitalised today
Thiruvananthapuram	174	168	6	1
Kollam	201	194	7	0
Pathanamthitta	70	69	1	1
Idukki	26	26	0	0
Kottayam	79	79	0	0
Alappuzha	152	142	10	1
Ernakulam	297	285	12	1
Thrissur	189	165	24	2
Palakkad	123	119	4	1
Malappuram	343	330	13	3
Kozhikode	310	306	4	1
Wayanad	42	42	0	0
Kannur	147	145	2	0
Kasaragod	86	85	1	1
Total	2239	2155	84	12