



**nCORONA VIRUS OUTBREAK CONTROL AND PREVENTION STATE CELL
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Dedicated to People under Home isolation

In view of new cases being reported and community spread in Italy and Iran, Govt. of India has instructed to screen passengers coming through direct flights from Iran & Italy in addition to China, Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, Japan, South Korea, Vietnam, Nepal, Indonesia and Malaysia. All people coming from the affected areas of these countries and already notified countries should follow the advisory. People coming from Republic of Korea, Iran and Italy or having such travel history since 10th February 2020 may be quarantined for 14 days on arrival to India. Asymptomatic persons should remain in home isolation for 14 days. Symptomatic persons should contact the concerned designated isolation facilities.

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WHO has declared the COVID-19 epidemic affecting **73** countries as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. Due to the inflow of persons from affected countries, Kerala state has strengthened the surveillance and control measures against the disease. **469** Persons are placed under surveillance, out of which **438** are under home isolation and **31** are admitted in designated isolation facilities. Till date **552** samples of suspect cases have been sent to the National Institute of Virology for testing out of which results of **511** samples came as negative. The hospital authorities have confirmed that the health condition of all symptomatic persons under isolation in hospitals are stable.

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 hand washing with soap and water. Those who have arrived from the COVID-19 affected countries should remain under strict home isolation as per the revised guidelines issued on 19/02/2020.

At the outset of new cases being reported in various states in India, Cabinet Secretary Shri Rajiv Gauba conducted a video conference with all states. He appreciated the activities of Kerala Health department and asked the principal secretary to do a brief presentation. He also asked all states to follow the SOPs developed by Kerala. Kerala will extend support to other states in capacity building.

Complimentary Activities

- **46** 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 **215** persons have been deployed across the state. **3646** tele counselling services were provided till date.

District	Cumulative No. of Persons under observation as on today	Cumulative No. of persons under home isolation as on today	Cumulative No. of symptomatic passengers hospitalized as on today	No. of persons Discharged from Home Isolation today
Thiruvananthapuram	29	27	2	3
Kollam	27	25	2	0
Pathanamthitta	9	6	3	0
Idukki	9	9	0	0
Kottayam	42	42	0	5
Alappuzha	19	19	0	0
Ernakulam	126	124	2	0
Thrissur	63	54	9	0
Palakkad	11	11	0	2
Malappuram	44	38	6	0
Kozhikode	21	16	5	1
Wayanad	4	4	0	0
Kannur	32	30	2	0
Kasaragod	33	33	0	0
Total	469	438	31	11