



**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 **110** 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. **3313** persons are placed under surveillance, out of which **3020** are under home isolation and **293** are admitted in designated isolation facilities. Till date **1179** samples of suspect cases have been sent for testing out of which results of **889** samples came as negative. Testing facilities have also been started at Thiruvananthapuram and Kozhikode Medical Colleges also.

The total number of persons under treatment in the state is now 14.

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

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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 **143** counsellors have been deployed across the state. **5287** 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.

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	127	114	13	1
Kollam	177	167	10	6
Pathanamthitta	892	860	32	17
Idukki	53	53	0	0
Kottayam	243	231	12	2
Alappuzha	128	111	17	1
Ernakulam	304	280	24	8
Thrissur	613	535	78	12
Palakkad	102	77	25	4
Malappuram	93	32	61	21
Kozhikode	301	291	10	5
Wayanad	28	27	1	0
Kannur	128	121	7	3
Kasaragod	124	121	3	3
Total	3313	3020	293	83