



**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.

The Department of Health and Family welfare calls out for participation of the health practitioners to join hands with the state in the fight against COVID-19. You may enroll using the link provided below for offering voluntary service at the Isolation facilities in hospitals/ homes, patient management in wards, screening at airports, seaports, railway stations and bus stations. Interested health practitioners may fill up the details in this form and submit. The Department of health and family welfare, Kerala shall contact you soon.

Join us at <https://forms.gle/3FtcS7ovp1YGG9539>

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

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WHO has declared the COVID-19 epidemic affecting 166 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

- 31173 persons are placed under surveillance, out of which 30936 are under home isolation and 237 are admitted in designated isolation facilities.

Sample Testing

- Till date 2921 samples of suspect cases have been sent for testing out of which 2342 came as negative.

Test Results

- Total positive cases till yesterday was 27.
- One case of COVID-19 has been declared positive from Kasaragod.

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 hand washing with soap and water. Those who have arrived from the COVID-19 affected countries should remain under strict home isolation.

Complimentary Activities

- 80 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. **11832** 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	2618	2553	65	6
Kollam	673	666	7	1
Pathanamthitta	3730	3715	15	6
Idukki	480	479	1	1
Kottayam	1596	1590	6	0
Alappuzha	2449	2439	10	7
Ernakulam	1108	1085	23	6
Thrissur	3008	2978	30	4
Palakkad	492	466	26	4
Malappuram	4712	4701	11	6
Kozhikode	5662	5652	10	8
Wayanad	545	545	0	0
Kannur	3583	3559	24	12
Kasaragod	517	508	9	3
Total	31173	30936	237	64

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
2	Thiruvananthapuram -1	Positive	Under treatment
	Idukki-1		
3	Malappuram -2, Kasaragod-1	Positive	Under treatment
1	Kasaragod-1	Positive	Under treatment
28 patients have been tested positive till today			

District	No. of positive cases under treatment
Thiruvananthapuram	4
Pathanamthitta	9
Kottayam	2
Ernakulam	3
Thrissur	1
Malappuram	2
Kannur	1
Idukki	1
Kasaragod	2
Total	25