GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Health and Family Welfare (F) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P) No.12/2020/H&FWD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 14th March, 2020
1st Meenam, 1195

S. R. O. No. 204/2020

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 60(n) of the Travancore Cochin Public Health Act, 1955 (Act XVI of 1955) the Government of Kerala hereby declare COVID-19 to be a notified disease for the purpose of Chapter VII of the said Act in whole of Travancore- Cochin area as defined in clause (a) of section 5 of the State Reorganisation Act, 1956(Central Act 37 of 1956).

By order of the Governor,
RAJAN N KHOBRAGADE,
Principal Secretary to Government.
Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

In view of the evolving global scenario, COVID-19 disease has been declared as a Pandemic by the World Health Organisation. Kerala has also reported 22 cases and many persons are under surveillance. In order to prevent community spread of the disease causing widespread morbidity and mortality it is essential to ensure that all persons are following the guidelines and advisories as issued by the Health Department from time to time and to take stringent action against persons who are not following the guidelines thereby causing spread of the disease, the COVID-19 disease must be notified as per section 60(n) of the Travancore Cochin Public Health Act, 1955. Hence the Government have decided to declare COVID-19 as a notifiable disease.

This notification is intended to achieve the above object.