



**nCORONA VIRUS OUTBREAK CONTROL AND PREVENTION STATE CELL
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Appeal to Public

1. 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 and do pongala prayers at their respective places of stay. The self-isolation is the real prayer for the good of community, their family and themselves.
2. Do not touch hand railings as far as possible.
3. Hand wash after touching common places like railing
4. Don't rush for darshan but go in a queue by keeping at least one arm distance from person behind & in front
5. Avoid social greetings by touching, like hugs or handshake
6. Don't touch your face, nose and eyes
7. any persons with cough, fever, breathing difficulty or any chronic disease like chronic kidney or liver disease, diabetes, heart disease etc. must avoid Darshan and take rest at home
8. Use handkerchief while coughing/ sneezing

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WHO has declared the COVID-19 epidemic affecting **94** 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. **732** persons are placed under surveillance, out of which **648** are under home isolation and **84** are admitted in designated isolation facilities. Till date **729** samples of suspect cases have been sent to the National Institute of Virology for testing out of which results of **664** samples came as negative.

3 persons of Pathanamthitta who returned to Kerala from Italy on 29/02/2020 and two of their contacts have been declared positive for COVID-19. All persons who have travelled in the flight numbers QR126 from Venice to Doha on 28/02/2020 and QR 514 Doha to Cochin on 29/02/2020 should inform the control rooms in their respective districts. 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 handwashing 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.

Complimentary Activities

- 61 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** persons have been deployed across the state. **3950** 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 persons hospitalized as on today	No. of persons Discharged from Home Isolation today
Thiruvananthapuram	33	29	4	2
Kollam	40	37	3	0
Pathanamthitta	36	26	10	0
Idukki	12	12	0	0
Kottayam	77	77	0	0
Alappuzha	39	36	3	0
Ernakulam	147	141	6	0
Thrissur	117	97	20	0
Palakkad	17	12	5	9
Malappuram	48	33	15	3
Kozhikode	46	41	5	0
Wayanad	10	9	1	0
Kannur	54	43	11	0
Kasaragod	56	55	1	0
Total	732	648	84	14