



**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 public.

**Their self-isolation is the real prayer for the good of community, their family and themselves**

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WHO has declared the COVID-19 epidemic affecting **102** 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. **1116** persons are placed under surveillance, out of which **967** are under home isolation and **149** are admitted in designated isolation facilities. Till date **807** samples of suspect cases have been sent to the National Institute of Virology for testing out of which results of **717** samples came as negative.

Chief Secretary has requested the Cabinet Secretary in the National level video conference to delegate decision making at the State level so that central govt. offices and bodies take decisions and implement them fast. State govt. has also requested to increase the number of testing labs and to issue advisories regarding Kuwait and Saudi Arabia insisting of No Corona certificate for entry.

A 3 year old child, native of Kannur, who returned to Kerala from Italy on **07/03/2020** has been declared positive for COVID-19. 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.

### Complimentary Activities

- **63** 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. **4205** 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 hospitalized today
Thiruvananthapuram	33	22	11	7
Kollam	75	66	9	6
Pathanamthitta	53	41	12	2
Idukki	38	37	1	1
Kottayam	83	79	4	4
Alappuzha	71	65	6	3
Ernakulam	177	171	6	0
Thrissur	211	172	39	22
Palakkad	36	22	14	12
Malappuram	76	52	24	20
Kozhikode	72	66	6	2
Wayanad	15	14	1	1
Kannur	83	69	14	4
Kasaragod	93	91	2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1116</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>85</b>