

## nCORONA VIRUS OUTBREAK CONTROL AND PREVENTION STATE CELL HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT GOVT. OF KERALA

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## Dedicated to People under Home isolation

We thank all those who are under home isolation complying to our directions. Based on the present scenario, the guidelines for home and hospital isolation have been revised and persons should be discharged from home/hospital isolation as per the guidelines attached. As per the revised guidelines 120 persons have been released from home isolation today.

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WHO has declared the recent Novel Corona Virus (2019-nCoV) epidemic affecting 26 countries as International Public Health Emergency of International Concern. In this context, Kerala state has strengthened the surveillance and control measures against the disease. Till date, 2246 persons are placed under surveillance, out of which 2233 are under home isolation and 13 are admitted in designated isolation facilities. Till date 423 Samples of suspect cases have been sent to National Institute of Virology for testing out of which results of 406 samples came as negative. Out of three persons in whom the disease was confirmed, two persons have been discharged, one person is stable and the repeat sample results are awaited. The hospital authorities have confirmed that the health condition of all symptomatic persons under isolation in hospitals are stable.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has informed the Govt. of Kerala that out of the persons who were evacuated from China and quarantined in two camps in Delhi, there are 115 persons belonging to Kerala. They have all been tested and found negative, hence will be allowed to travel back to Kerala from the evening of

17/02/2020. They are requested to remain in home isolation till 28 total days of quarantine is completed. They will continue to be guided by the district health officials in this regard.

In the background of the present nCorona Virus 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 corona affected countries should remain under strict home isolation as per the latest guidelines issued on 11/02/2020.

## **Complimentary Activities**

- Education department has done extensive training to students with the support of teachers. The PTA has also extended support in coordinating the activities.
- 45 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 215
  persons have been deployed across the state. 3646 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 passengers hospitalized as on today	No. of persons Discharged from Home Isolation today
Thiruvananthapuram	401	397	4	31
Kollam	156	156	0	8
Pathanamthitta	44	44	0	1
Idukki	27	27	0	0
Kottayam	76	76	0	3
Alappuzha	172	172	0	0
Ernakulam	323	323	0	14
Thrissur	179	175	4	12
Palakkad	109	109	0	8
Malappuram	243	240	3	7
Kozhikode	202	200	2	22
Wayanad	54	54	0	0
Kannur	193	193	0	10
Kasaragod	67	67	0	4
Total	2246	2233	13	120