



**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>

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WHO has declared the COVID-19 epidemic affecting **159** 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**

- **25603** persons are placed under surveillance, out of which **25366** are under home isolation and **237** are admitted in designated isolation facilities.

**Sample Testing**

- Till date **2550** samples of suspect cases have been sent for testing out of which **2140** came as negative.

## Test Results

- Total positive cases till yesterday was 27.

## 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	2414	2350	64	3
Kollam	758	751	7	4
Pathanamthitta	2900	2884	16	2
Idukki	442	442	0	0
Kottayam	1311	1304	7	0
Alappuzha	1901	1893	8	4
Ernakulam	1012	989	23	4
Thrissur	2717	2684	33	8
Palakkad	309	280	29	9
Malappuram	3834	3821	13	6
Kozhikode	4953	4945	8	4
Wayanad	433	433	0	0
Kannur	2239	2218	21	10
Kasaragod	380	372	8	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>25603</b>	<b>25366</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>57</b>

**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
24 positive cases are currently under treatment			

District	No. of positive cases
Thiruvananthapuram	4
Pathanamthitta	9
Kottayam	2
Ernakulam	3
Thrissur	1
Malappuram	2
Kannur	1
Idukki	1
Kasaragod	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>