



COVID-19 OUTBREAK CONTROL AND PREVENTION STATE CELL
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Kerala Epidemic Diseases, COVID-19 Regulations, 2020.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2, 3 & 4 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 (Central Act 3 of 1897), the Government of Kerala has issued regulations as Kerala Epidemic Diseases, COVID-19 Regulations, 2020 for the strict compliance, for the containment management and control of COVID-19 21-3-2020 as part of endeavor to eliminate COVID-19 from the State.

Advisories

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. Do frequent hand washing with soap and water. 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 guidelines for beauty parlors and saloons and Guidelines for employees in shopping centres and malls dt 20/03/2020 have been published in the website of DHS
- Training and IEC videos prepared by the department is available on The "Kerala Health Online Training" YouTube channel of the Directorate of Health Services (<https://www.youtube.com/c/keralahealthonlinetraining>).

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WHO has declared the COVID-19 epidemic affecting **184** countries as a Pandemic. Considering the increase in number of cases, COVID 19 has been re-notified as a state specific disaster on 20.03.2020. Kerala state has strengthened the surveillance and control measures against the disease in view of the same.

Home/Hospital Isolation

- **64320** persons are placed under surveillance, out of which **63937** are under home isolation and **383** are admitted in designated isolation facilities.

Sample Testing

- Till date **4291** samples of suspect cases have been sent for testing out of which **2987** came as negative.

Test Results

- Total confirmed cases till yesterday was 67 of which 64 were under treatment.
- 28 new cases have been declared positive. Out of this 19 are from Kasaragod, 5 from Kannur, 2 from Ernakulam (1 foreigner), 1 from Pathanamthitta and 1 from Thrissur.
- One COVID 19 positive patient who was under treatment in Kannur has been discharged

Complimentary Activities

- **Covid Care Centres have been established in all districts with a view to accommodate people who have been advised home isolation, but have no residence in Kerala(eg: Tourists, people in transit etc).**
- For providing psychosocial support to the families of suspected persons **252** persons have been deployed across the state. **26098** tele counselling services were provided till date.
- Home isolation ensured with the help of squads at LSG level including health staff, police and volunteers.
- Adequate infrastructure facilities have been ensured at all designated isolation facilities.
- 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
- 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>**

Annexure -1: Details of persons under Surveillance

District	No. of Persons under observation as on today	No. of persons under home isolation as on today	No. of symptomatic persons hospitalized as on today	No. of persons hospitalized today
Thiruvananthapuram	5477	5426	51	22
Kollam	1073	1070	3	0
Pathanamthitta	4580	4565	15	3
Idukki	643	640	3	0
Kottayam	2499	2492	7	1
Alappuzha	4840	4826	14	3
Ernakulam	4230	4201	29	8
Thrissur	9336	9292	44	8
Palakkad	5162	5135	27	8
Malappuram	9294	9279	15	11
Kozhikode	8408	8370	38	12
Wayanad	1440	1436	4	3
Kannur	6481	6409	72	23
Kasaragod	857	796	61	20
Total	64320	63937	383	122

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
1	Kasaragod-1	Positive	Under treatment
12	Ernakulam-6 Kasaragod-6	Positive	Under treatment
12	Ernakulam-3 Kannur -3 Kasaragod-6	Positive	Under treatment
15	Ernakulam-2 Malappuram-2 Kozhikode-2 Kannur -4 Kasaragod-5	Positive	Under treatment
28	Pathanamthitta-1 Thrissur-1 Ernakulam-2 Kannur -5 Kasaragod-19	Positive	Under treatment
95 cases have been tested positive till date of which 91 are currently under treatment			

District wise distribution based on hospital admission

District	No. of positive cases admitted
Thiruvananthapuram	4
Pathanamthitta	8
Kottayam	4
Ernakulam	16
Thrissur	2
Malappuram	4
Kannur	15
Kasaragod	35
Kozhikode	3
Total	91