



**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.

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WHO has declared the COVID-19 epidemic affecting **118** countries as aPandemic. Due to the inflow of persons from affected countries, Kerala state has strengthened the surveillance and control measures against the disease. **4180** persons are placed under surveillance, out of which **3910** are under home isolation and **270** are admitted in designated isolation facilities. Till date**1377** samples of suspect cases have been sent for testing out of which results of **953** samples came as negative. Testing facilities have been started at Thiruvananthapuram and Kozhikode Medical Colleges also.

Two more cases have been confirmed as positive 1 from Thrissur and 1 from Kannur. One case from Thiruvananthapuram is awaiting one more confirmation.

In the background of the present COVID-19outbreak, 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-19affected countriesshould remain under strict home isolation.

Complimentary Activities

- **66** 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** counsellors have been deployed across the state. **5287** 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.

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	142	137	5	2
Kollam	227	216	11	2
Pathanamthitta	896	862	34	2
Idukki	61	61	0	0
Kottayam	409	398	11	0
Alappuzha	161	140	21	5
Ernakulam	359	322	37	16
Thrissur	843	770	73	8
Palakkad	119	89	30	8
Malappuram	132	103	29	13
Kozhikode	483	476	7	3
Wayanad	38	38	0	0
Kannur	151	144	7	4
Kasaragod	159	154	5	2
Total	4180	3910	270	65