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WHO has declared the recent Novel Corona Virus (2019-nCoV) epidemic affecting 23 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, 1999 travellers from corona affected countries have been identified and placed under surveillance, out of which 1924 are under home isolation and 75 are admitted in selected isolation facilities. Till date 104 Samples of suspect cases and 2 repeat samples have been sent to National Institute of Virology for testing out of which results of 36 samples came as negative. A Student from Alappuzha, with a history of travel from Wuhan, China has been tested to be positive for 2019-nCoV. The health status of both the students who were tested positive for Corona Virus remain satisfactory. The hospital authorities have confirmed that the health condition of all symptomatic persons under isolation in hospitals are stable. A 24x7 control room has been set up in the State and all District Head Quarters. A minimum of two hospitals with isolation facilities have been identified in each district. Sample testing for nCoV at NIV, Alappuzha Unit is functional, and samples are being tested now.

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 for 28 days from the date of arrival in India, irrespective of whether they are symptomatic or asymptomatic.

District	Cumulative No. of Passengers from china under observation as on today	Cumulative No. of asymptomatic Passengers under home isolation as on today	Cumulative No. of symptomatic passengers hospitalised as on today	No. of symptomatic passengers hospitalised today
Thiruvananthapuram	153	147	6	1
Kollam	166	160	6	0
Pathanamthitta	66	64	2	1
Idukki	25	25	0	0
Kottayam	66	66	0	0
Alappuzha	125	116	9	1
Ernakulam	260	251	9	1
Thrissur	174	152	22	2
Palakkad	113	109	4	1
Malappuram	315	307	8	3
Kozhikode	291	284	7	1
Wayanad	38	38	0	0
Kannur	127	126	1	0
Kasaragod	80	79	1	1
Total	1999	1924	75	12

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