



**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 **105** countries as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. Due to the inflow of persons from affected countries, Kerala state has strengthened the surveillance and control measures against the disease. **1495** persons are placed under surveillance, out of which **1236** are under home isolation and **259** are admitted in designated isolation facilities. Till date **980** samples of suspect cases have been sent to the National Institute of Virology for testing out of which results of **815** samples came as negative. Testing facilities have been setup at Thiruvananthapuram and Kozhikode Medical Colleges also. Kozhikode Medical College has conducted test of 9 samples which were all negative. Thiruvananthapuram Medical college will start testing from Wednesday. In addition, permission has also been requested to start testing at Thrissur Medical College and Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology.

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The parents of the three year old child who was earlier tested positive have also been tested positive for COVID-19. **6** persons, **4** from Pathanamthitta and **2** from Kottayam who had contact with the positive cases from Pathanamthitta had earlier been declared positive for COVID-19. The total number of persons under treatment in the state is now 14.

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 handwashing with soap and water. Those who have arrived from the COVID-19 affected countries should remain under strict home isolation.

### Complimentary Activities

- **65** 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. **4350** 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 persons hospitalized as on today	No. of persons hospitalized today
Thiruvananthapuram	92	76	16	6
Kollam	85	75	10	4
Pathanamthitta	60	45	15	5
Idukki	46	45	1	0
Kottayam	92	82	10	6
Alappuzha	98	78	20	14
Ernakulam	248	225	23	6
Thrissur	277	209	68	35
Palakkad	73	48	25	11
Malappuram	75	30	45	21
Kozhikode	133	118	15	10
Wayanad	23	22	1	0
Kannur	88	79	9	2
Kasaragod	105	104	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1495</b>	<b>1236</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>120</b>

## Annexure

Positive case	Date	Place	Time
Pathanamthitta			
Ernakulam			
Kottayam			

The detailed travel history with date, time and places of visit and timing, of the COVID-19 positive cases reported from Pathanamthitta, Ernakulam and Kottayam will be published in the official website of DHS ([www.dhs.kerala.gov.in](http://www.dhs.kerala.gov.in)) tomorrow. Any person who was present at these places at the same time should contact the concerned district call centres and communicate the details of all persons they came into contact with. They should also motivate other such persons to come forward and report to the district call centres

State/District corona control room contact numbers				
Thiruvananthapuram	0471-2466828	0471-2730045	0471-2730067	
Kollam	0474-2797609	8589015556	7306750040	
Pathanamthitta	0468-2228220			
Alappuzha	0477-2239999	0477-2251650		
Kottayam	0481-2304800			
Idukki	0486-2233111			
Ernakulam	0484-2368802			
Thrissur	9400410720	9400408120		
Palakkad	0491-2505264			
Malappuram	0483-2737858			
Kozhikode	0495-2371471	0495-2376063		
Wayanad	0493-6204151			
Kannur	0497-2700194			
Kasaragod	9946000493	9946000293	0467-2217777	
STATE	0471-2309250	0471-2309251	0471-2309252	
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