



**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 **176** 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.

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### Home/Hospital Isolation

- **53013** persons are placed under surveillance, out of which **52785** are under home isolation and **228** are admitted in designated isolation facilities.

### Sample Testing

- Till date **3716** samples of suspect cases have been sent for testing out of which **2566** came as negative.

### Test Results

- Total confirmed cases till yesterday was 40 of which 37 are under treatment.
- 12 more persons have been tested positive; out of which three persons are under treatment in Ernakulam, three persons are under treatment in Kannur and six persons in Kasaragod.

### 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 handwashing 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 241 persons have been deployed across the state. 22853 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.
- Home isolation ensured with the help of squads including health staff, police and volunteers.
- Covid care centres established for taking care of those who have no residence in Kerala.

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	4179	4136	43	3
Kollam	900	896	4	0
Pathanamthitta	5257	5242	15	4
Idukki	537	537	0	0
Kottayam	2134	2129	5	0
Alappuzha	4476	4470	6	1
Ernakulam	3474	3451	23	1
Thrissur	6538	6514	24	4
Palakkad	4110	4089	21	7
Malappuram	7018	7008	10	6
Kozhikode	7649	7626	23	18
Wayanad	889	888	1	1
Kannur	5187	5149	38	16
Kasaragod	665	650	15	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>53013</b>	<b>52785</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>70</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
1	Kasaragod-1	Positive	Under treatment
12	Ernakulam-6 Kasaragod-6	Positive	Under treatment
12	Ernakulam-3 Kannur -3 Kasaragod-6	Positive	Under treatment
52 cases have been tested positive till date of which 49 are currently under treatment			

District	No. of positive cases currently under treatment
Thiruvananthapuram	4
Pathanamthitta	9
Kottayam	2
Ernakulam	12
Thrissur	1
Malappuram	2
Kannur	4
Idukki	1
Kasaragod	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>

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