



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.

The person who travel from other states and come to the state of Kerala in the last 13days and other incoming persons from Kerala must remain in isolation provided by the Department in the respective districts. All may 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.

Guidelines

The following guidelines were issued: Interim treatment guidelines, Guidelines for routine vaccination, Advisory for pregnancy and labour management and the Quarantine of Health care workers who are asymptomatic secondary contacts

Date:25/03/2020

WHO has declared the COVID-19 epidemic affecting **195** 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

- 76542 persons are placed under surveillance, out of which 76010 are under home isolation and 532 are admitted in designated isolation facilities.

Sample Testing

- Till date 4902 samples of suspect cases have been sent for testing out of which 3465 came as negative.

Test Results

- Total confirmed cases and under treatment till yesterday were 105.
- 9 new cases have been declared positive today. Out of this, two persons are from Palakkad, three from Ernakulam, two from Pathanamthitta, one from Idukki and One from Kozhikode.
- Two persons (one foreigner from Trivandrum and one from Thrissur) who were under treatment have been discharged as they are now tested negative.
- Therefore, as of now there are 112 positives under treatment.

- 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(e.g.: Tourists, people in transit etc). And to accommodate any person in home isolation but not following the home isolation guidelines. These centers will also accommodate the Keralite returning from various states in India.
- For providing psychosocial support to the families of suspected persons 375 persons have been deployed across the state. 35312 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	6409	6315	94	16
Kollam	1192	1186	6	0
Pathanamthitta	4461	4440	21	1
Idukki	1224	1221	3	1
Kottayam	2688	2681	7	1
Alappuzha	5592	5574	18	4
Ernakulam	3308	3274	34	3
Thrissur	12081	12044	37	11
Palakkad	5420	5384	36	8
Malappuram	10515	10460	55	44
Kozhikode	9980	9937	43	10
Wayanad	1911	1908	3	0
Kannur	7967	7886	81	14
Kasaragod	3794	3700	94	9
Total	76542	76010	532	122

Annexure -2: Chronology of Positive cases

Date	No. of patients	District	Present Status	Remarks
	3	Thrissur Alappuzha Kasargod	Negative	Discharged
9.03.2020	5	Pathanamthitta	Positive	Under treatment
9.03.2020	1	Ernakulam	Positive	Under treatment
10.03.2020	8	Pathanamthitta - 4Kottayam - 2 Ernakulam -2	Positive	Under treatment
12.03.2020	2	Kannur -1 Thrissur -1	Negative	Discharged
13.03.2020	3	Thiruvananthapuram -1	Negative	Discharged
		Thiruvananthapuram -2	Positive	Under treatment
15.03.2020	2	Thiruvananthapuram -1 Idukki-1	Positive	Under treatment
16.03.2020	3	Malappuram -2, Kasaragod-1	Positive	Under treatment
19.03.2020	1	Kasaragod-1	Positive	Under treatment
20.03.2020	12	Ernakulam-6 Kasaragod-6	Positive	Under treatment
21.03.2020	12	Ernakulam-3 Kannur-3 Kasaragod-6	Positive	Under treatment
22.03.2020	15	Ernakulam-2 Malappuram-2 Kozhikode-2 Kannur-4 Kasaragod-5	Positive	Under treatment
23.03.2020	28	Pathanamthitta-1 Thrissur-1 Ernakulam-2 Kannur-5 Kasaragod-19	Positive	Under treatment
24.03.2020	14	Thiruvananthapuram-1 Alappuzha-1 Kottayam-1 Ernakulam-1 Palakkad-1 Malappuram-1 Kozhikode-2 Kasaragod-6	Positive	Under treatment
25.03.2020	9	Kozhikode-1 Palakkad-2 Pathanamthitta-2 Ernakulam-3 Idukki-1	Positive	Under treatment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 118 persons have been tested positive till date since the outbreak in Kerala • 6 persons turned out negative and discharged • 112 persons are currently under treatment 				

District wise distribution based on hospital admission

District	No. of positive cases admitted
Thiruvananthapuram	4
Pathanamthitta	10
Alappuzha	1
Kottayam	5
Ernakulam	20
Thrissur	1
Palakkad	3
Malappuram	5
Kozhikode	6
Kannur	15
Kasaragod	41
Idukki	1
Total	112