



**COVID-19 OUTBREAK CONTROL AND PREVENTION STATE CELL
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The daily COVID-19 bulletin of the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Kerala summarizes the COVID-19 situation in Kerala. The bulletin also contains links to various important documents, guidelines, and websites for references.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Maintain SMS (Social Distancing, Mask and Sanitize) and remain in ventilated environment
- Protect the elderly and the vulnerable- Observe reverse quarantine
- COVID-19 vaccines protect people from getting infected and becoming severely ill and significantly reduce the likelihood of hospitalization and death.
- All those eligible for COVID vaccination should take the appropriate dose of the vaccine without delay
- Come forward for vaccination for the age group of 15-17 years .
- Additional precautionary dose is available for those who have taken 2 doses and completed nine months since 2nd dose for >60 yrs, Health Care Workers, and people with comorbidities.
- Non-vaccinated people with comorbidities have higher chances of severe illness and death. Hence people with comorbidities should receive vaccination and always follow COVID appropriate behaviour. Avoid social gathering. Remain in reverse quarantine to the extend possible.
- Antigen testing should be resorted for emergency purposes. Non vaccinated people with comorbidities in case of developing symptoms should preferably do RTPCR testing and consult a doctor.

Home Isolation Mandates

- Over the past two years, it has been seen globally that majority of cases of COVID-19 are either asymptomatic or have very mild symptoms. Such patients usually recover with minimal interventions and accordingly can be managed at home under proper medical guidance and monitoring
- A caregiver (ideally someone who has completed his COVID-19 vaccination schedule) should be available to provide care on a 24 x7 basis to Covid Positive Patients under Home Isolation. A communication link between the caregiver and a Medical Officer is a prerequisite for the entire duration of home isolation.
- The patient must isolate himself from other household members, stay in the identified room and be away from other people at home, especially the elderly and those with co-morbid conditions like hypertension, cardiovascular disease and renal diseases. The room selected for isolation should preferably be a well-ventilated room with cross ventilation, and windows should be kept open to allow fresh air
- People with co-morbidities once detected with covid infection should visit Health institution.

When to seek medical attention?

- Immediate medical attention must be sought if severe signs or symptoms develop. These could include. Unresolved High-grade fever (more than 100° F for more than three days) ii. Difficulty in breathing, iii. Dip in oxygen saturation ($SpO_2 \leq 93\%$ on room air at least three readings within 1 hour) or respiratory rate $>24/$ min iv. Persistent pain/pressure in the chest, v. Mental confusion or inability to arouse, vi. Severe fatigue and myalgia

Covid 19 status- Analytical Note

- Kerala is the state with the highest rate of vaccination- 1486189 Vaccination/Million
- 100% of the eligible population vaccinated with a single dose of vaccine (2,69,25,639) and 87% with a double dose (2,32,51,788) till March 18. 78% of the 15-17 age group vaccinated with a single dose of vaccine (12,03,537) and 45% with a double dose (6,88,679). The state has vaccinated more than 97% of people aged over 45 years with a single dose and 86% with a double dose.
- During March 11 – March 17, the average active cases were 8509 out of them, an average of 2.2% only were admitted in oxygen beds, and 2.1% were in ICU.
- Out of the total 6464 cases, only 10.5% of the active cases are admitted either in hospital/Field hospitals. [Non-KASP hospital occupancy too included]

PART- 1 SUMMARY OF COVID CASES AND DEATH

Table 1. Summary of COVID-19 cases till 17/03/2022

Positive cases	Recovered patients	New persons in Quarantine/ Isolation	New Persons in Home, Institution quarantine	New persons in Hospital Isolation	Total no of Deaths reported	No of deaths declared as per appeal cases filed G.O.(Rt) No.2110/2021/H&FWD
6524988	6450028	1339	1235	104	67138	27645

Table 2. Summary of new COVID-19 cases (last 24 hours)

Positive cases	Recovered patients	New persons in Quarantine / Isolation	New Persons in Home, Institution quarantine	New persons in Hospital Isolation	No. Of Deaths in Last 24 Hrs	Deaths declared in the last 24 hrs but of previous days because of late receiving of documents	No of deaths declared as per appeal G.O.(Rt) No.2110/2021/H&FWD (Appeal Cases Filed)
847	1321	1026	926	100	3	12	44

Table 3. Cumulative summary as on 18/03/2022

Total Positive cases	Active cases	Total Recovered	Total persons in Quarantine/ Isolation	Persons in Home/Insti tution quarantine	Persons in Hospital Isolation	Total No of Deaths	Total No of deaths declared as per appeal cases filed G.O.(Rt) No.2110/2021/H&FWD
6525835	6464	6451349	20756	20016	740	67197	27689

Table 4. District wise summary of Cumulative cases, Active cases, and New positive cases

District	Positive Cases declared today	Declared Negative today	Positive cases admitted in the district
Thiruvananthapuram	117	163	1023
Kollam	68	18	119
Pathanamthitta	49	72	277
Alappuzha	16	20	82
Kottayam	94	175	1024
Idukki	76	95	670
Ernakulam	165	273	1401
Thrissur	49	236	533
Palakkad	35	20	55
Malappuram	28	23	284
Kozhikode	70	113	586
Wayanad	37	51	264
Kannur	39	45	134
Kasaragod	4	17	12
Total	847	1321	6464

Table 5. District wise Death Cases through online and offline mode - post scrutiny status

District	No of Deaths reported daily (A)	No of deaths declared through appeal G.O.(Rt) No.2110/2021/H&FWD Dated 29 September (B)	Death Cases approved today (A+B)
Thiruvananthapuram	1	3	4
Kollam	0	0	0
Pathanamthitta	5	0	5
Alappuzha	0	7	7
Kottayam	2	0	2
Idukki	1	2	3
Ernakulam	2	0	2
Thrissur	0	16	16
Palakkad	3	6	9
Malappuram	0	7	7
Kozhikode	1	3	4
Wayanad	0	0	0
Kannur	0	0	0
Kasaragod	0	0	0
Total	15	44	59

- The list of Track A is mentioned in the Bulletin
- The list of Track B and Track C will be very long as we are declaring cumulative cases. These lists are available with the DMO and can be verified on online portal.
- <https://covid19.kerala.gov.in/deathinfo/covidDeathDeclarationList.jsp>

Table 6. Summary of contact or travel history of COVID-19 cases since 4th May 2020

Total cases	6525336
Cases with history of International/Interstate travel	74867
Cases with history of contact	6450469

Table 7. Summary of contact/travel history of new COVID-19 cases reported in last 24 hours

Total cases	847
Cases with history of International/Interstate travel	3
Cases with history of contact	814
Cases with no history of travel or contact	30

Table 8. Details of COVID-19 positive deaths in the last 24 hours

Sl no.	District	Name	Place	Age	Gender	Death Date
1	Thiruvananthapuram	Mahesh Kumar	Attingal	53	Male	17-03-2022
2	Pathanamthitta	Aleyamam V G	Thiruvalla	74	Female	14-03-2022
3	Pathanamthitta	Babu M J	Pramadam	72	Male	10-03-2022
4	Pathanamthitta	Baby	Kunnathanam	65	Male	14-03-2022
5	Pathanamthitta	Joseph Thomas	Ezhumattoor	85	Male	13-03-2022
6	Pathanamthitta	Sosamma Varghese	Peringara	70	Female	14-03-2022
7	Kottayam	Lohithakshan	Changanassery	85	Male	16-03-2022
8	Kottayam	Paily	Velloor	70	Male	12-03-2022
9	Idukki	Mohanan A R	Velliyamattom	51	Male	16-03-2022
10	Ernakulam	Prasanth P P	Muvattupuzha	37	Male	16-03-2022
11	Ernakulam	Shobha P S	Paingottoor	61	Female	15-03-2022
12	Palakkad	Chandran	Nemmara	60	Male	17-03-2022
13	Palakkad	Hassan	Kanjirapuzha	78	Male	15-03-2022
14	Palakkad	Philip	Palakkad	72	Male	17-03-2022
15	Kozhikode	Damodharan	Payyoli	82	Male	16-03-2022

*Deaths in last 24 hours : 3

*Deaths declared in the last 24 hours but of previous days due to late receiving of documents : 12

*Deaths declared through appeal process (Appeal cases filed) in the last 24 hours : 44

Detailed list is available with the respective District Medical office (Health)

Table 9. Summary of critical patients

Patients in ICUs	132
Patients on Ventilator support	37

**The data shown contains ICU and Ventilator data from both government and private hospitals*

PART- II COVID-19 TESTING

Table 10. Cumulative number of samples tested

Cumulative Samples Sent	Cumulative routine + Sentinel samples	Airport surveillance	CB NAAT	True NAT	POCT PCR	RT LAMP	Antigen Assay
46484924	20557808	77321	142710	909405	202384	54878	24540445

Table 11. Details of new COVID-19 samples in the last 24 hours

Samples Sent	Routine + Sentinel Samples (PCR)	CB NAAT	True NAT	POCT PCR	RT LAMP	Antigen Assay
22683	10608	87	397	24	61	11506

PART-III SURVEILLANCE

Table 12. District wise distribution of persons under quarantine and isolation

District	Persons under observation as on today	Persons under home/institutional quarantine as on today	Total persons under hospital Isolation as on today	Persons hospitalized today
Thiruvananthapuram	2395	2318	77	18
Kollam	1336	1307	29	4
Pathanamthitta	463	426	37	35
Alappuzha	319	313	6	0
Kottayam	933	817	116	0
Idukki	2736	2699	37	3
Ernakulam	2050	1955	95	7
Thrissur	4627	4588	39	7
Palakkad	3108	3081	27	4
Malappuram	585	542	43	2
Kozhikode	1227	1117	110	4
Wayanad	227	210	17	8
Kannur	410	383	27	6
Kasaragod	340	260	80	2
Total	20756	20016	740	100

Table 13. Summary of Travel surveillance 18/03/2022

Mode of Travel	Cumulative number of Passengers
International airport	3370366
Total	3370366

PART-IV PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

'Ottakalla Oppamundu' is a program for providing Psychosocial support to the people in quarantine, isolation, school children and other categories of population as well as to the community in general. **1049** Mental Health Personnel including Psychiatrists, Psychiatric Social Workers, Clinical Psychologists, and Counsellors are working and have given psychosocial support.

Table.14. Psychosocial support provided through the program "Ottakalla Oppamundu"

No. of Psychosocial workers	1049
Total Psychosocial support calls made to persons in quarantine/ isolation.	80,53,501
Total psychosocial support follow-up calls made	32,12,102
Total Post COVID calls	11,33,087
Total calls made to persons under treatment for mental illnesses, migrant labourers, differently abled children, elderly persons staying alone	3,48,860
Total Psychosocial support calls to school children	10,10,657
Total psychosocial support calls to health care workers	64,194
Total Psychosocial support calls received in helpline numbers	95,255
Total calls to all categories of Persons	1,39,17,656

PART-V ANNEXURES

Annexure-1: District Covid 19 Control Room Numbers Oxygen War Room Numbers

District	Covid 19 Control Room Numbers	Oxygen War Room Numbers
Thiruvananthapuram	9188610100, 1077, 0471 277 9000	7592939426, 7592949448
Kollam	0474 2797609, 2794006, 8589015556	75920 03857
Alappuzha	0477 2239999, 2238642, 2238651	7594041555
Pathanamthitta	0468 2222515, 0468 2228220	1077, 8547715558
Idukki	18004255640, 0486 2232220, 2233118	18004255640, 04862233118
Kottayam	9188610014, 9188610016, 0481 2304800, 0481 2583200, 0481 2566100, 0481 2566700, 0481 2561300	0481 256 7390
Ernakulam	0484 2368702, 0484 2368802, 0484 2368902 Guest Control Room 9072303275, 9072303276 WhatsApp Number 9400021077	75940 46167
Thrissur	9400066921, 9400066922, 9400066923	9400063430, 7034099935
Palakkad	0491 251 0580, 04912510583 0491 251 0575, 0491 251 0576, 251 0574	0491251 0577, 8848902376
Malappuram	0483 2737858, 0483 2737857,0483 2733251, 0483 2733252, 2733253	0483 2952950
Calicut	0495 2371471, 0495 2376063 Collectorate 0495 2371002	75940-01419, 7594001485
Kannur	0497 2700194, 2713437, 9400066062, 9400066616	8281899687
Wayanad	04936 202343, 04936 202375	9526831678
Kasaragod	9946000493, 9946000293	9645002811

Annexure-2: Table of links to documents, guidelines, and websites

Dashboard	https://dashboard.kerala.gov.in/
Daily Bulletin	http://dhs.kerala.gov.in/ഡെയിലി-ബുള്ളറ്റിന്%E2%80%8D/
Guidelines and Advisories	http://dhs.kerala.gov.in/ജാഗ്രത-നിര്%E2%80%8Dദേശങ്ങളു%E2%80%8D/
Awareness materials	https://www.dropbox.com/sh/l2h2n9hu737lea3/AAD43CHbedUZa_8PUY9v3m0Wa?dl=0
Posters	http://dhs.kerala.gov.in/photo-gallery/
COVID-19 Jagratha	https://covid19jagratha.kerala.nic.in/
E Sanjeevani	https://esanjeevaniopd.in

NHM Kerala	https://aogyakeralam.gov.in/
Directorate of Health Services	https://dhs.kerala.gov.in/
Directorate of Medical Education	http://www.dme.kerala.gov.in/
Department of Health and Family Welfare	https://health.kerala.gov.in/
Training and IEC videos	https://www.youtube.com/c/keralahealthonlinetraining

Annexure-3: District Psychosocial support Helpline numbers

District	COVID help line numbers
Thiruvananthapuram	9846854844
Kollam	0474 2740166, 8281086130
Pathanamthitta	8281113911
Alappuzha	4792344474
Kottayam	9539355724
Idukki	04862226929, 9496886418
Ernakulam	04842351185, 9846996516
Thrissur	04872383155, 8281100729, 8086007999
Palakkad	04912533323
Malappuram	7593843617, 7593843625
Kozhikode	9495002270
Wayanad	9400348670
Kannur	04972734343, 9495142091
Kasaragod	9072574748, 9447447888

- District Helpline Numbers will be available from 9am to 4 pm.
- *State Helpline Numbers DISHA 0471-2552056 and 1056 (Toll Free Number) will be available 24x7*