



Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP)

Public Health Department, Maharashtra

COVID 19 Related Updates

Media Bulletin

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15 new cases of COVID-19 in the state

State tally rises to 89

15 new patients of COVID-19 were found today. Out of the 15, 11 are from Mumbai and 1 each from Pune, Thane, Vasai-Virar and Navi Mumbai. This has taken the state tally to 89. Out of the 14 cases found in Mumbai metropolitan region, 9 are the contacts of previously-found COVID-19 positive cases and 5 have a travel history of Dubai, Malaysia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Australia, England etc. Another close relative of a woman who was found positive a few days back in Bharati Vidyapeeth Hospital, Pune without any travel history, has tested positive today.

A 59-year-old Philippine who was admitted at Kasturba Hospital on 13th March died at Hiranandani Hospital last night. He was found COVID-19 positive earlier but two of his subsequent samples were tested negative indicating that he had

recovered from COVID-19. However, he was diabetic and asthmatic, complications of which led to his death. This death can not be attributed to COVID-19.

District- and municipal corporation-wise details of COVID-19 cases is as follows:

Sr. No.	District/Municipal Corporation	COVID-19 cases	Deaths
1	Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation	12	0
2	Pune Municipal Corporation	16	0
3	Mumbai	35	2
4	Navi Mumbai	5	0
5	Nagpur, Yavatmal, Kalyan	4 each	0
6	Thane, Ahmednagar	2 each	0
7	Panvel, Ulhasnagar, Aurangabad, Vasai-Virar, Ratnagiri	1 each	0
	Total	89	2

255 passengers returned from foreign countries have been taken under surveillance in the state today. Since 18th January, 2144 people have been hospitalized in various isolation wards across the state owing to them developing symptoms such

as fever, cold, cough etc. Out of the total admissions, 1889 laboratory samples were negative and 89 have been tested positive for coronavirus until today.

As a preventive measure and control preparedness of Novel Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), isolation wards have been created in all District Hospitals and Government Medical Colleges in the state. As per the advisory issued by Government of India, all international passengers are being screened at airports and those who are symptomatic are being shifted to isolation wards.

Appeal from the Public Health Department

- After the Janta Curfew that was observed yesterday, many people are going back to their native places from Pune and Mumbai. There is a fear among rural areas about people coming from Mumbai and Pune. There have been demands from a few places that these people should be tested for COVID-19 and their hands should be stamped with the home-quarantine stamp. Even though there have been patients from Mumbai and Pune, people shouldn't fear their presence.
- It has been observed that many medical professionals have kept their OPDs shut. In epidemic outbreaks such as this, people should be able to access other medical services and emergency medical care. Therefore, the public health department has urged that OPD or other medical services should be kept open.

- The state control room is receiving complaints that some foreign-returned citizens are not following home quarantine and roaming out of their houses. Local administration should divide their respective area in zones and each zone should be a responsibility of an officer who will have a line-list of all home quarantined patients. These officers will ensure that the quarantine instructions are followed correctly. Housing societies should also be given the responsibility to ensure this.

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