



STATE CONTROL ROOM
DIRECTOR HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
ANDHRA PRADESH

Email: controlroom.dhap@gmail.com

Media Bulletin No.75 (revised)

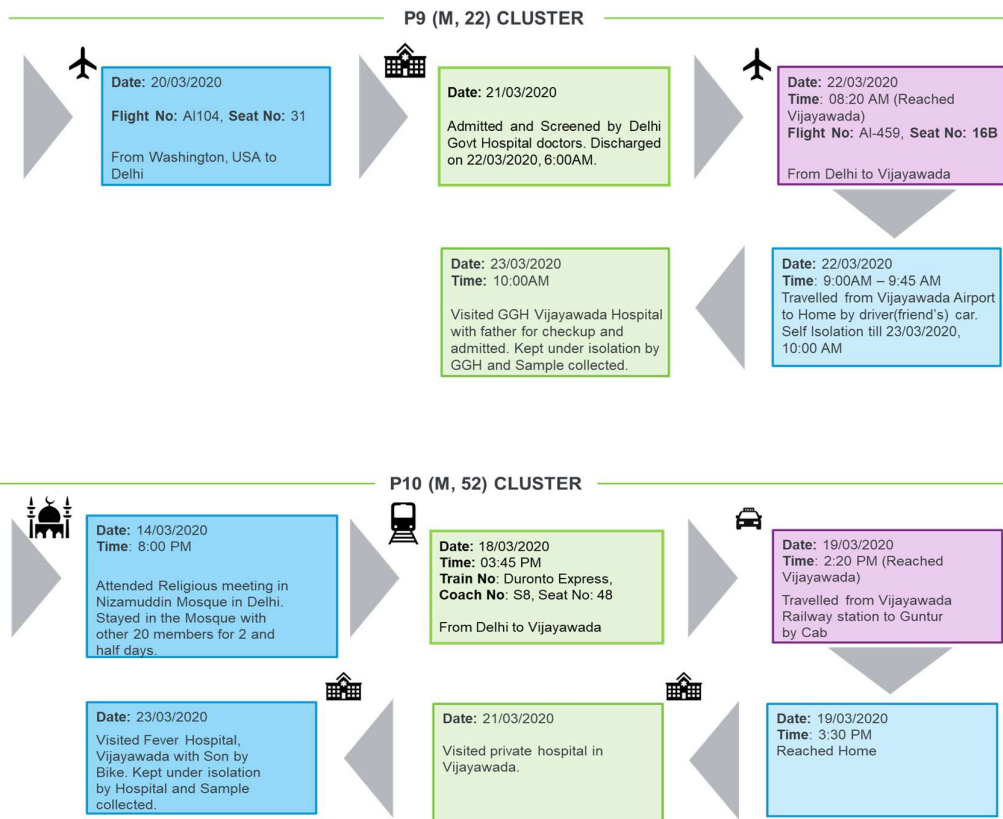
Date: 25/03/2020 (9.00 PM)

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) epidemic affecting **all the regions of the World** as Pandemic. The WHO also classified risk assessment as Very High at the Global level.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has under taken several measures including strengthening of surveillance for prevention, containment and control of COVID-19.

A) Highlights:

- **Hon'ble Chief Ministers Message : 'No To Panic, Yes to Precautions'**
- Two new COVID-19 Positive case have been detected in the State. Patient travel details as follows:



- Lockdown has been announced by the State of Andhra Pradesh vide G.O.Rt.No. 216 dated 24.03.2020 for Containment, Control and Prevention of spread of COVID-19 till 14th April 2020.
 - All the District Collectors, Joint Collectors, Police Commissioners, SPs, DM&HOs, Municipal Commissioners, Sub Collectors, RDOs, MROs and MPDOs are hereby instructed to strictly implement the guidelines of lockdown.
 - Offices of Government of India, Government of Andhra Pradesh, its Autonomous bodies shall remain closed.
 - Hospitals, Medical Establishments, manufacturing units of drugs will work.
 - Medical shops, Pharmacies will work.
 - All commercial and industrial establishments will be closed.
 - All transport services – air, rail, and roadway will remain suspended.
 - All educational, training, research, coaching institutions shall remain closed
- All laboratories are made functional 24*7 .
- Order has been placed for equipment required for 3 more laboratories at Kadapa, Visakhapatnam and Guntur.
- Dedicated teams and GPS enabled vehicles are working for sample collection.
- 17837 beds have been arranged at District HQ and Constituency HQ levels for quarantine facility.
- Government issued G.O.Rt.No.215, HM&FW (B2) Dept., Dt: 24.3.2020 has issued further measures under Epidemic Disease Act, 1879 for containment of COVID-19 in the State of Andhra Pradesh.
 - District Collector can take measures to take over of isolation rooms / wards/blocks/ entire private hospital as he/ she shall deem fit necessary.
 - Any medical professionals (both working or retired) of both public and private medical establishments shall attend the duties as per the instruction of empowered authorities.
 - All private hospitals shall treat eligible beneficiaries of suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases under Dr YSR Aarogyasri Scheme.
- Special Officers have been deployed for effective monitoring of sample collection, transport to the labs and testing at Labs.
- Government of India issued Gazette public notification No. 54/2015-2020, Dt: 25.03.2020 prohibiting export of Hydroxychloroquine and formulation made from Hydroxychloroquine.
- Principals of Medical colleges have been empowered to recruit manpower to increase capacity of lab's to handle 1000 samples per day (GO MS No. 213 dt. 24.03.2020)

- Due to crowding in the Markets, Hon'ble Chief Minister has relaxed lock down timings from 6 AM to 1 PM to enable citizens to purchase groceries. Otherwise, all other movement except government officials is restricted. Groceries are being sold in open grounds to prevent congregation of people.
- COVID Instant Order 4 has been issued to District Collectors to establish quarantine centres with specified guidelines about medical & other logistical facilities required in the centre.

B) Detailed Report

I. Foreign Returnees:

- The state is dealing with foreign returnees entering from other states in a comprehensive manner. Government of India is communicating a list of foreign returnees into the state on a daily basis. State has augmented this list with house to house survey using the network of Village and Ward volunteers.
- Among these, symptomatic people are sent directly for isolation wards in a special ambulance and asymptomatic people are issued notice for home quarantine for 28 days.

1	New foreign returnees to the State today	-
2	Total number of foreign returnees under surveillance	26059

II. Surveillance :

1	Number under home isolation as on date	25962
2	Number under Hospital admission as on date	97

District wise Details

District	Total under surveillance
Anantapur	823
Chittoor	1276
East Godavari	3499
Guntur	2257
Kadapa	2540
Krishna	2692
Kurnool	969
Nellore	1686
Prakasam	1061
Srikakulam	1583
Visakhapatnam	3410
Vizianagaram	410
West Godavari	3853
State	26059

Screening of passengers at airports / Railway stations

- Universal Screening of all passengers (both domestic and international) from Vizag International airport and Sea ports has been happening. A total of 12,150 passengers and crew have been screened at these ports of entry. Details as follows:

Visakhapatnam Air port	9889
Visakhapatnam and Gangavaram Port	1425
Krishnapatnam Port	836

III. Sample collected / tested:

	-Ve	+Ve
Total number of samples tested till 24.03.2020	229	8*
Samples tested on 25.03.2020 8PM	60	2
Number of results awaited	13	
Total	312	

* one more positive case belongs to Andhra Pradesh but admitted in Gandhi Medical College, Secunderabad, he was directly admitted in Hospital didn't travelled to AP, none of his contacts in Andhra Pradesh

IV. Labs:

The newly commissioned VRDL at Ananthapuram started processing testing samples for COVID-19

District	Lab Location	Lab Capacity
Chittoor	SVIMS, Tirupathi	60
Krishna	Siddhartha Medical College, Vijayawada	60
East Godavari	Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada	60
Ananthapuram	Ananthapuram Medical College	60

All the existing four labs started testing samples in two shifts and each lab can do 30 tests in a shift

V. Measures taken by State Government :

- Government in exercise of powers conferred under Section 2, 3 and 4 of Epidemic Disease Act 1897 issued "The Andhra Pradesh Epidemic Disease COVID-19 Regulations 2020". Vide G.O.Rt.No.189, HM& FW (B2) Department for containment of COVID-19 in the State
- Government ordered various measures for containment, control and prevention of spread of COVID-19 through G.Os. 202 & 204 .
- Government announced lock down till 31st March 2020 through G.O.Rt.No.209 and several instructions have been issued for streamlining implementation of the lock down through G.O.Rt.No.210 and G.O.Rt.No.211

VI. Positive Action Taken by Collectors / Medical Teams :

- In response to the Government order No.209, HM&FW (B2) Dept., Dt: 22.3.2020 all the District Collectors have issued proceedings ordering Section 144 under Cr.P.C strictly prohibiting gathering 5 or more persons at one place in their respective districts District including Lock down till 31st March 2020.
- Krishna District Administration has made blocks at 2 meter distance in PWD Market to ensure social distancing in market places.



VII. Government Advisory :

General Advisory:

- General Public are advised not to come out of their homes except for essential services
- Senior citizens above 65 years and children below 10 years are advised not to come out their houses except for emergency needs.
- Public should follow the cough etiquette by covering the nose and mouth using handkerchief /towel/tissue paper or hand flex while sneezing/coughing.
- Do frequent hand washing with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Social distancing shall be practiced.

Advisory to Foreign Returnees:

- Those who have arrived from the Foreign countries should remain under strict self-home isolation for 14 days from the date of arrival and not to have any close contact with family members, relatives or visitors.
- If symptoms like cough, fever, difficulty in breathing are developed, advised to call 104 and if advised hospitalization, travel in dedicated 108 ambulance escorted by RRT team.

VIII. Lockdown and Important News :

- On the instruction of Chief Secretary and Director General of Police, strict lock down has been implemented across the State with nakabandi of major junctions. Police personnel have been deployed to allow only emergency staff and residents for daily essential needs within 3 kms of their residence.

104 Helpline and COVID dashboard

- Two PRI lines have been reserved for receiving calls of COVID-19. A total of 3084 calls have been received in total. 346 calls have been received today. Necessary action has been taken on these calls. Citizen participation is helping our efforts on these actions. 24 foreign returnees have self-reported on symptoms on our helpline.
- COVID dashboard is live now at http://hmfw.ap.gov.in/covid_dashboard.aspx

State Nodal Officer

COVID-19 Help line (Toll free number): **104** (Round the Clock service)