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WHO has declared the recent Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) epidemic affecting **94** countries as Public Health Emergency of International Concern. WHO also classified risk assessment as very High at the Regional and Global level.

In this context, Andhra Pradesh has strengthened the surveillance for containment, control and prevention of COVID-19. Till date 439 passengers from COVID-19 affected countries have been identified and placed under surveillance. 204 people are under home isolation and 223 people completed the 28 days observation period. 12 passengers are in hospital admission and are stable. Total Samples collected till date are 32, of which 23 samples tested Negative for COVID-19, result awaited for 9 samples.

A 24x7 Control Room has been set up in the State (0866-2410978) and all Districts. Isolation wards are setup in all Government General Hospitals and District Hospitals.

104 Help line (Toll free number) has been operationalized for providing health advises on COVID-19.

Government of Andhra Pradesh have notified the District Collectors as District Nodal Officers for taking measures towards containment and surveillance of COVID-19 in their respective districts.

Laboratory at Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS), Tirupati has been commissioned for testing for COVID-19 and started processing samples on 7th March 2020.

Raids on Medical shops:

Drug inspectors under the control of DG Drugs have raided 343 medical shops yesterday and cases have been booked on 7 shops (1. M/s Aadhar Generic Medicals, H B Colony, Visakhapatnam, 2. M/s. United Medicals, Seethammadhara,

Visakhapatnam, 3. M/s. Seven Hills Medical & General Stores, H B Colony, Visakhapatnam, 4. M/s. Compas Shop Private Limited, Rajahmundry (U), 5. M/s Lavanya Surgicals, Chippadavari Street, Vijayawada, 6. M/s Trikoteswara Medicals (C/o Lifeline Hospitals), Narasaraopet, 7. M/s. Mediwell Pharma Stores RTC complex, Kurnool) for selling face masks at higher prices. Similar raids will continue in coming days. Strict action will be taken including cancellation of license of any medical shop if caught selling medicines or masks at higher price.

Sufficient stocks of face masks are available in the state.

All the DM&HOs, DCHSs, Superintendents of Teaching and District Hospitals, RRTs, and District Surveillance Officers have been sensitized on protocols to be followed while handling COVID-19 suspected cases.

General Advisory:

- 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.

Advisory to Foreign Returnees:

- Those who have arrived from the Corona Virus Disease affected countries should remain under strict home isolation for 28 days from the date of arrival in India, irrespective of whether they have the symptoms or not.
- They are advised not to have close contact with other family members, allow any visitors, go out to public places.
- If symptoms like cough, Fever, difficulty in breathing are developed, put on a mask and contact the nearest government health facility by availing free transport through dedicated 108 ambulance or call the 24X7 Control room 0866-2410978.

District	Number of Passengers from affected countries identified for observation	Number of Asymptomatic Passengers under home isolation as on today	Number of Asymptomatic Passengers completed 28 days observation period	Total Number of symptomatic passengers hospitalised as on today	No. of symptomatic passengers hospitalised within last 12 hours
Srikakulam	28	18	7	3	0
Vizianagaram	14	3	11	0	0
Visakhapatnam	114	34	78	2	0
East Godavari	38	15	22	1	0
West Godavari	53	30	22	1	0
Krishna	29	16	13	0	0
Guntur	26	13	13	0	0
Prakasam	12	2	9	1	0
SPSR Nellore	13	9	4	0	0
Chittoor	50	24	22	4	0
YSR Kadapa	17	14	3	0	0
Anantapur	30	19	11	0	0
Kurnool	15	7	8	0	0
Total	439	204	223	12	0

District Control rooms established in all the districts:

District	Contact Number		
Srikakulam	6300073203		
Visionogovom	08922-227950 /		
Vizianagaram	9494914971		
Visakhapatnam	9666556597		
East Godavari	8841361763		
West Godavari	08812-222376		
Krishna	9491058200		
Guntur	0863-2271492		
Prakasam	7729803162		
SPSR Nellore	9618232115		
Chittoor	9849902379		
YSR Kadapa	08562-245259		
Anantapur	08554-277434		
Kurnool	9441300005		