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COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS DAILY SITUATION REPORT ETHIOPIA

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Maldives, Republic of Moldova, French Guiana, and Martinique reported their first COVID-19 cases
- Three rumors received. One rumor satisfies the suspected case definition and currently at isolation center. Sample collected and test result is pending
- A total of 958 travelers are under follow-up
- A total of 1,131 travelers have completed 14 days of follow-up and graduated
- 239 (80.5 %) COVID-19 related calls were received through the toll-free line
- Field epidemiology resident's orientation and preparation for deployment ongoing

478,987

PASSENGERS SCREENED

ALL POEs Starting from 24 January 2020

6,909

PASSENGERS SCREENED

FROM COVID-19 REPORTING COUNTRIES

958

TRAVELERS

UNDER PHONE FOLLOW UP

110

RUMORS

RECEIVED and INVESTIGATED

35

SUSPECTED CASES
DETECTED

34

SUSPECTED CASES
TESTED

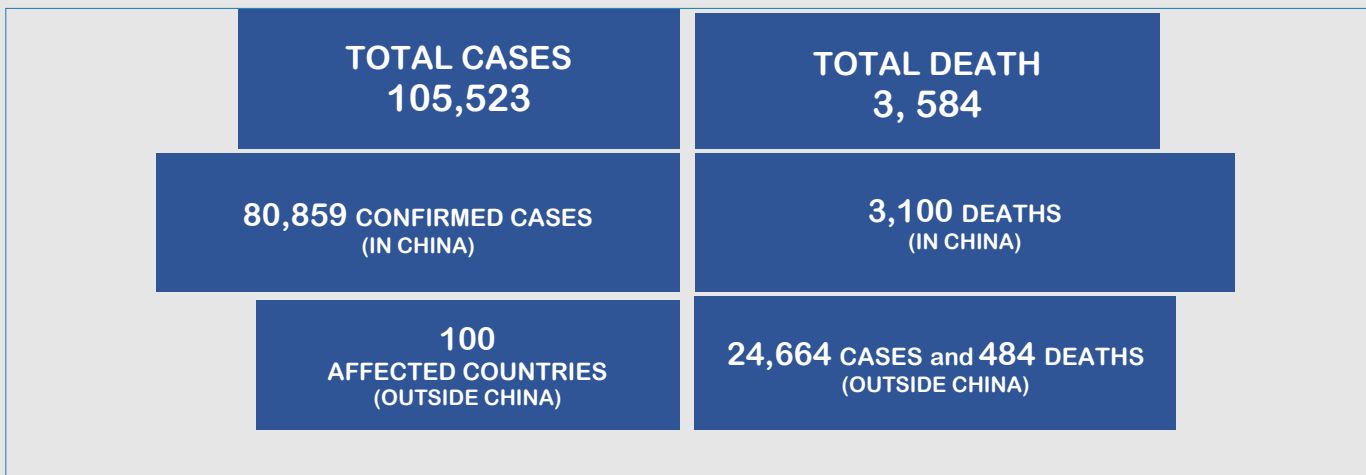
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TOTAL CASES
CONFIRMED

01

SUSPECTED CASES IN THE
ISOLATION UNIT PENDING LAB
RESULT

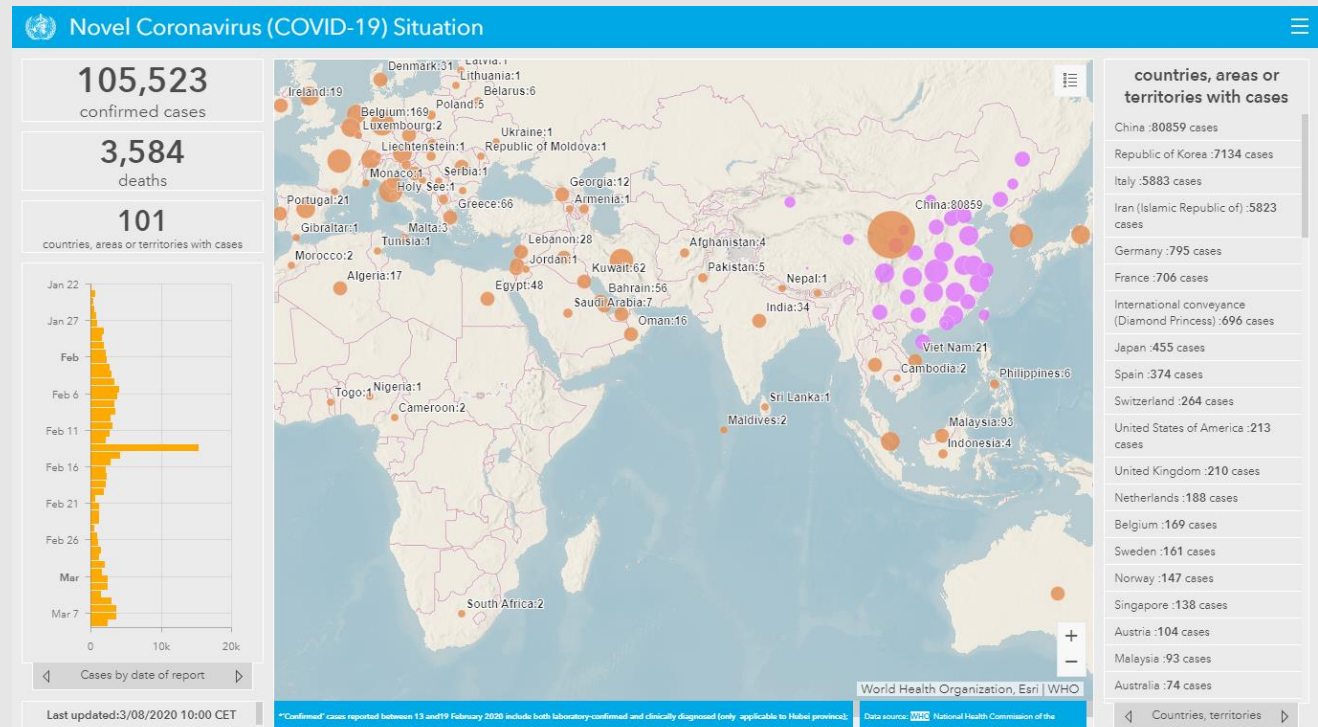
COVID-19 GLOBAL UPDATE



Access link for WHO COVID-19 monitoring dashboard:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/685d0ace521648f8a5beeeee1b9125cd>

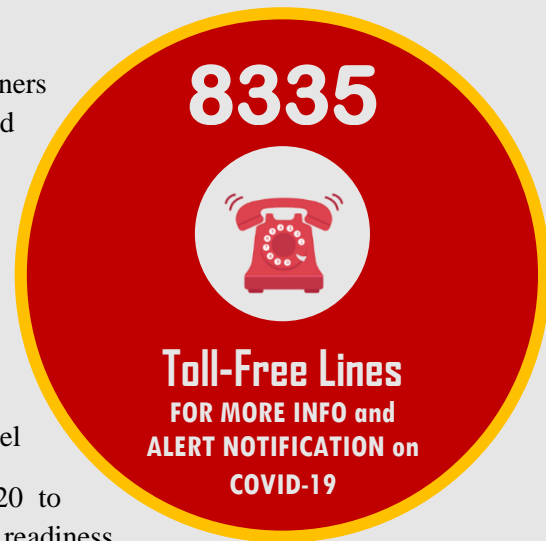
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION's RISK ASSESSMENT UPDATE



MAJOR COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS EFFORTS IN ETHIOPIA

BACKGROUND

- Ethiopia activated its IMS under the national PHEOC. WHO and its partners are currently supporting in scaling up preparedness efforts and implementation of related recommendations suggested by the IHR Emergency Committee. The following is a summary of the major public health actions conducted in ETHIOPIA up until now, as part of the COVID-19 preparedness and readiness efforts.
 - Alerting stakeholders and regular and national and global situation updating
 - Revitalizing coordination platform at national and subnational level
 - The National PHEOC IMS was activated on 27 January 2020 to optimize the national level coordination of the preparedness and readiness efforts,
 - Since its activation, the national PHEOC is collaboratively working with stakeholders: government agencies, partner organizations, UN agencies, embassies, hospitality sector, Industrial parks and others.
 - Regular media briefing sessions are being conducted, twice a week, by the Director General of EPHI and as needed by State Minister of MoH and jointly.
 - 24/7 Toll-free lines (8335) was established to provide information to and receive alert from; the public
 - Country preparedness assessment was conducted and emergency preparedness and response plan were developed
 - Designated isolation and quarantine centers are identified and equipping is ongoing
 - Protocols/guidelines are customized and developed
 - 24/7 rapid response team established
 - Trainings and orientations are ongoing
 - Strict PoE screening and vigilant follow-up procedures being implemented on incoming travelers at International Airports, Ethio-Djibouti Railway and land-crossing entries.
 - Key partners and stakeholders are identified and engaged in the preparedness efforts
 - Joint visit of Prime Minister Office, Africa CDC, WHO Country Office, Addis Ababa City Administration Health Bureau, Ministry of Health and EPHI was conducted to strengthen PoE preparedness and isolation and case management
 - MoH officials led by the State Minister, Dr Lia Tadesse, visited the operations of the national PHEOC and provided guidance on 04 February 2020.
 - With support from WHO; Ethiopia now has a capacity of processing confirmatory testing for COVID-19 at its strengthened National Influenza Laboratory based in EPHI (starting from 08 February 2020).
 - Minister Social Affairs standing committee of the House of Peoples' Representatives (HoPR) visited the National PHEOC on 17 FEB 2020; and received briefing on center's activities achieved and being conducted to prevent COVID-19 delivered by EPHI's Director General, Dr. Ebba Abate.
 - Health partners and donors' groups and China Embassy visited the Public Health Emergency Operation Center and briefed on the activities to prevent the COVID-19



- Discussion and briefing provided by the EPHI DG to the Medical Corps Representatives
- Strong communication network established and receiving updates from other countries through National IHR-FPs.
- Discussion was held with Resolve to Save Lives team, led by the Vice President of the project, and HOPE Project Coordinator on how to support COVID-19 preparedness efforts
- H. E. Deputy Prime Minister, State Minister of Ministry Peace and MOH State Minister visited the Public Health Emergency Operation Center at EPHI, Eka Kotobe Isolation Center and Bole International Airport screening activities and briefed on the COVID-19 preparedness activities on 7th March 2020

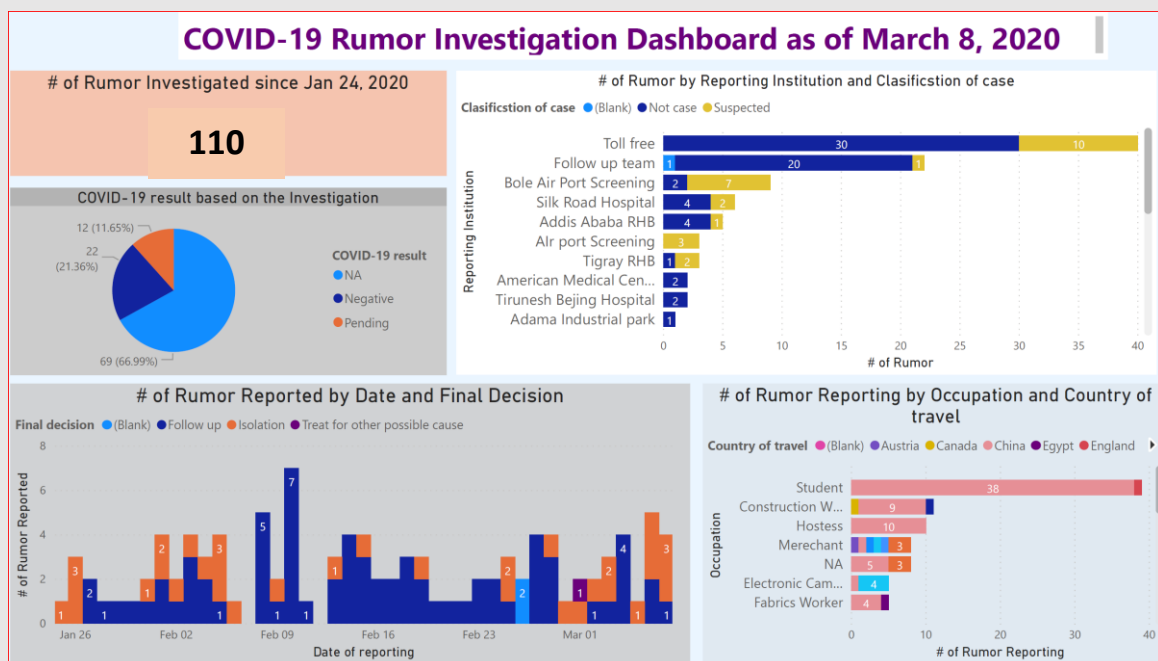
COORDINATION and COLLABORATION

- Daily follow-up meeting led jointly by the MOH State Minister and EPHI DG being conducted on daily basis
- IMS core staffs daily briefing ongoing regularly in the morning and afternoon
- FETP residents mobilized to support COVID-19 preparedness efforts

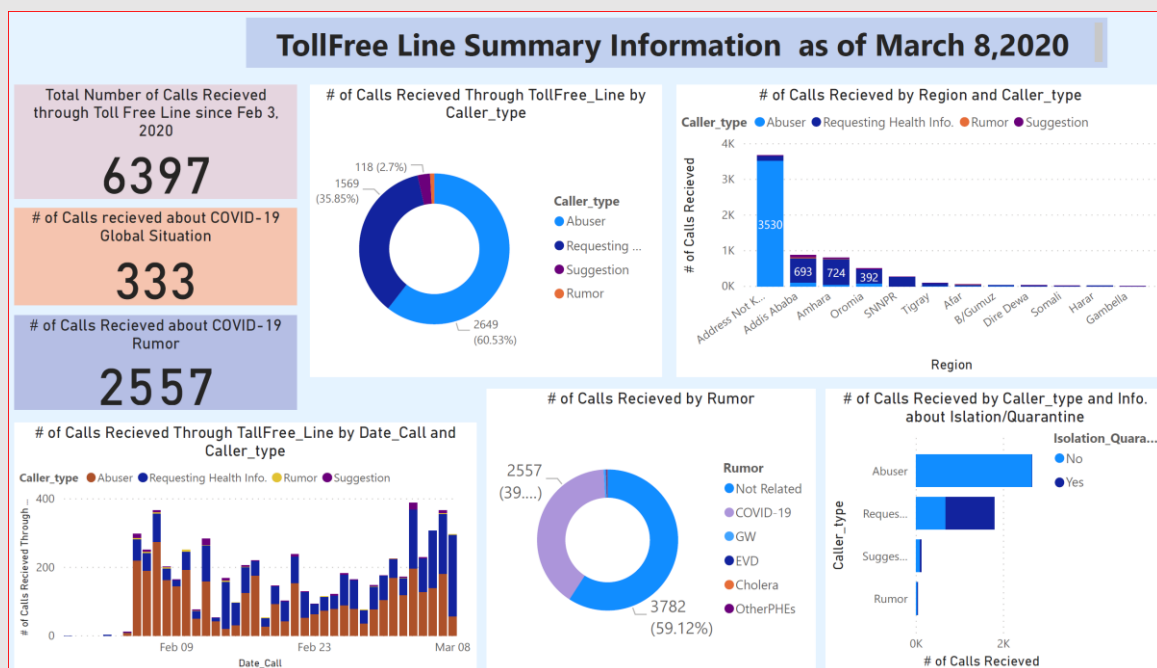
EPIDEMIOLOGY and LABORATORY SURVEILLANCE

Rumors collection and verification (through 8335 toll-free number and other sources)

- On the 8th of March 2020, three rumors were reported (one each from the BIA screening site, Addis Ababa City Administration PHEM and follow-up team). Of these only one fulfill the COVID-19 suspected case definition, sample collected and the test result is pending.
- As of 08 March 2020, a total of 110 alerts have been received and investigated. Of these, 35 have fulfilled the suspected case definition. 34 of these tested negative for COVID-19 and one is pending (as mentioned above).

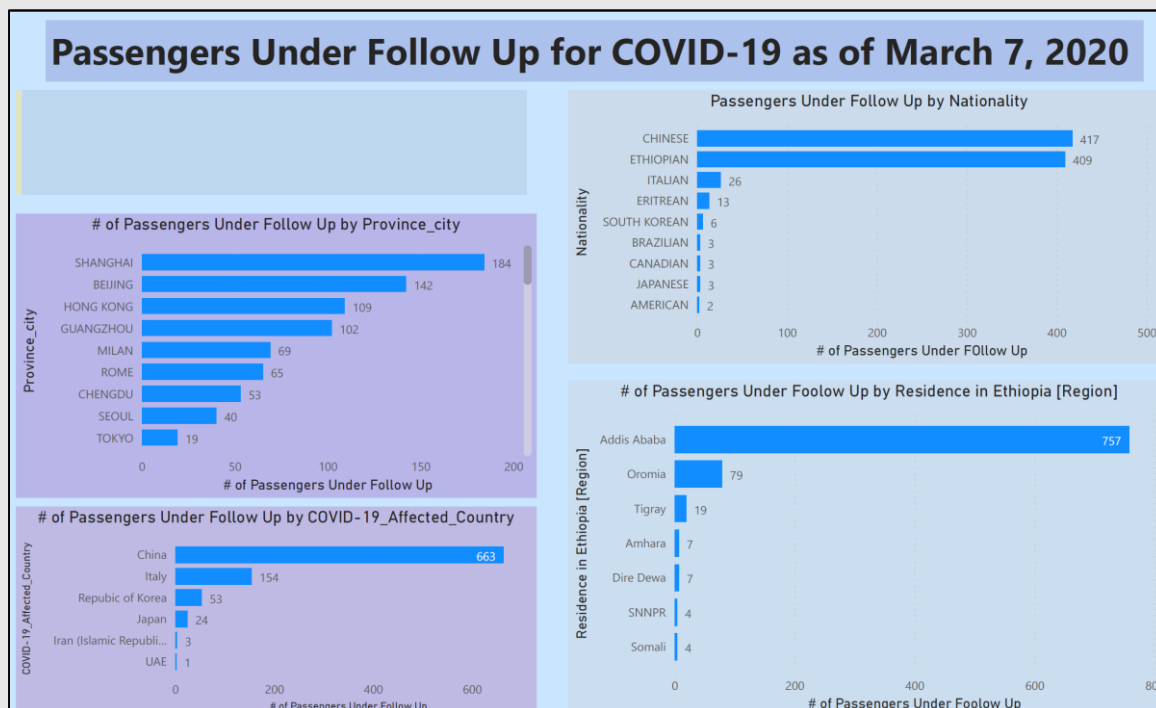


- On the 8th of March 2020, a total of 297 calls received through toll-free line. Of these, 239 (80.5 %) were COVID-19 related calls.



Phone Follow-Up of Travelers from Affected Countries

- As of the 8th of March 2020:
 - 958 travelers are under follow-up; 11 travelers are newly enrolled
 - 534 travelers (12 new) that were under follow-up departed back.
 - 1,131 travelers have completed 14 days of follow-up and graduated from follow-up.

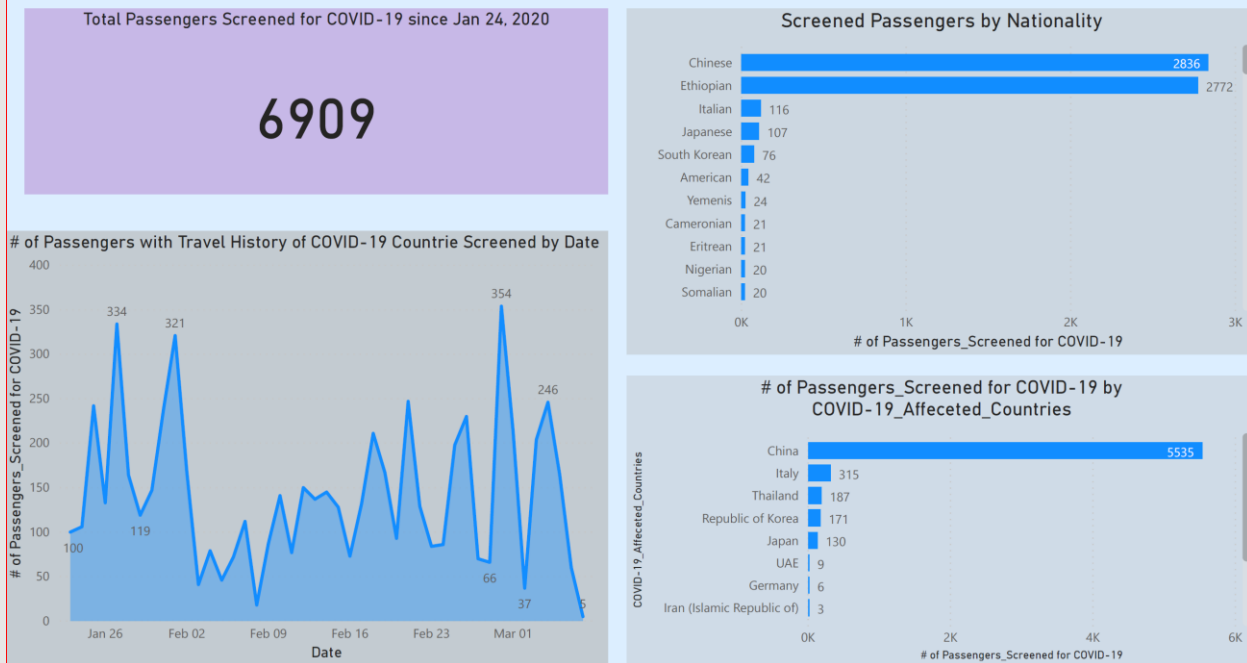


PASSENGERS SCREENING¹

- On the 7th of March 2020; **46** travelers who have travel history to COVID-19 affected countries screened.
- There have been no passengers who have travel history to COVID-affected countries identified at screening sites other than BIA

¹ The date is lagging one day back as most of the international flights are at night and the reports are compiled and count on the following date.

Passengers Screened with Travel History of COVID-19 Affected Countries as of March 7, 2020



OTHER POE RELATED ACTIVITIES

- Five Roll-banners provided to Bole International Airport at Health Screening sites
- Field epidemiology resident's orientation and deployment readiness ongoing

CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC):

- The three suspected cases admitted yesterday discharged from the isolation center
- One suspected case is at Isolation Center who was admitted today and medical support is being provided

LOGISTICS, ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- Project appraisal document for World Bank funding finalized and submitted

RISK COMMUNICATION:

- SOP for public communication revised
- Press statement prepared and posted on the EPHI social media pages

TRAINING AND ORIENTATION RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- Orientation provided for new staffs that will be deployed in the PHEOC IMS structure
- Ethiopian Airlines Crew Members orientation continued. A total of 2,585 crews oriented as of today.

REGIONAL PREPAREDNESS:

- As mentioned above one alert reported from Addis Ababa City Administration, while zero report of COVID-19 related alerts received from all regions.
- Harari Region and Addis Ababa City Administration has shared daily SITREP

Media / WEB scanning:

- **Coronavirus: Northern Italy quarantines 16 million people:** Italy has placed up to 16 million people under quarantine as it battles to contain the spread of coronavirus. Anyone living in Lombardy and 14 other central and Northern provinces will need special permission to travel. Milan and Venice are both affected. Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte also announced the closure of schools, gyms, museums, nightclubs and other venues across the

whole country. The measures, the most radical taken outside China, will last until 3 April:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-51787238>

- **WHO statement on cases of COVID-19 surpassing 100 000:** We must stop, contain, control, delay and reduce the impact of this virus at every opportunity. Every person has the capacity to contribute, to protect themselves, to protect others, whether in the home, the community, the health care system, the work place or the transport system:
<https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/07-03-2020-who-statement-on-cases-of-covid-19-surpassing-100-000>
- **The economic, geopolitical and health consequences of COVID-19:** The COVID-19 epidemic is now growing exponentially. Its economic impact is already more severe than SARS or MERS. The political consequences are harder to predict, but could be significant and long-lasting: <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/03/the-economic-geopolitical-and-health-consequences-of-covid-19/>
- **Covering COVID-19 and the coronavirus: 5 tips from a Harvard epidemiology professor:**
<https://journalistsresource.org/studies/society/public-health/covid-19-coronavirus-epidemiology/>

8335



Toll-Free Lines
FOR MORE INFO and
ALERT NOTIFICATION on
COVID-19



The above presented Quick Reader (QR) code takes you to a portal that you can access updates and all COVID-19 related information available
(<https://www.ephi.gov.et/index.php/public-health-emergency/novel-corona-virus-update>)

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