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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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NOVEL CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19)
MEDIA BULLETIN

DATED:07/03/2020 Situation till:12 noon today

World Health Organization has declared the recent Novel Coronavirus (COVID-2019) as ***Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)*** which has affected **86 countries/territories** (9 newly affected) including India till date.

In this context, Karnataka state has strengthened all surveillance and containment measures against the possible spread of disease. Till date, **789** persons have been identified for observation. Of them **251** persons have completed 28 days of observation and **525** persons are continuing home quarantine. These include persons who have travelled to COVID-19 affected countries and contacts of COVID-19 positive cases. As on today, **9** persons are admitted in selected isolation Hospitals. Till date **400** Samples of symptomatic persons are sent for testing and **326** samples are reported as Negative and remaining 74 samples results awaited.

No positive cases in state till date

Till date **77,469 passengers** have been screened in Karnataka. The airport wise details are as follows.

1. KIA Airport Bengaluru –53,705 passengers (4111 Screened yesterday)
2. Mangalore International airport–23,764 passengers. (816 Screened yesterday) Also, 5,214 passengers have been screened at Mangalore and Karwar seaports.

104 Arogya Sahayavani (Call center) has reserved lines for receiving calls for COVID-19. Till date **9,705 calls** have been received for whom necessary guidance has been provided.

ABSTRACT		Date:07.03.2020	
	ACTIVITIES	Today	CUMULATIVE
A	PERSONS ENROLLED FOR OBSERVATION	72	789
B	PERSONS WHO HAVE COMPLETED 28 DAYS OBSERVATION PERIOD	15	251
C	PERSONS IN HOME QUARANTINE	70	525
D	PERSONS IN ISOLATION AT HEALTH FACILITIES	2	9
E	PERSONS WHO LEFT THE COUNTRY (Chinese Nationals - Returned back to China on 30 th Jan 2020)	0	4
F	TOTAL SAMPLES COLLECTED FOR TESTING	57	400
G	Total Results Reported as NEGATIVE	30	326

TODAY'S UPDATES:

- State is continuing with universal screening of all international passengers
- Orientation & Re-orientation for deputed BHEOs & staffs of 104 call center has been done including new updates and latest advisories.
- Sensitization Training session was conducted on 06-03-2020 for Doctors from Designated hospitals & District Surveillance Officers of Bengaluru Urban & Bengaluru Rural Districts.
- Post Graduate students from Medical colleges are being deputed for Surveillance activities at Airport & Hospitals.
- Circular has been sent on avoiding mass gathering in view of COVID-19 to all districts.
- A meeting under chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, GoK conducted on COVID-19 for all the 30 Districts Deputy Commissioners.
- Gulbarga Institute of Medical Sciences, Gulbarga & Vijayanagara Institute of Medical Sciences, Bellari have been identified for sample collection.

Protocol for Lab Testing of COVID-19

- As per guidelines from MoHFW, Government of India, lab testing for COVID-19 will be done for **only those persons who have symptoms** (Cough, cold, running nose or difficulty in breathing) **AND** having travel history to any of COVID-19 affected countries during last 14 days **OR** those who have had contact with COVID-19 positive persons.
- Those who meet above criteria should call 104 helpline or mail to ssuidspbangalore@gmail.com .

Advice for the public: When and how to use masks

- If you are healthy, you only need to wear a mask if you are taking care of a person with suspected 2019-nCoV infection.
- Wear a mask if you are coughing or sneezing.
- Masks are effective only when used in combination with frequent hand-cleaning with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.
- If you wear a mask, then you must know how to use it and dispose of it properly.
- Before putting on a mask, clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.
- Cover mouth and nose with mask and make sure there are no gaps between your face and the mask.
- Avoid touching the mask while using it; if you do, clean your hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.
- Replace the mask with a new one as soon as it is damp and do not re-use single-use masks.
- To remove the mask: remove it from behind (do not touch the front of mask); discard immediately in a closed bin; clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.