



GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
MEDIA BULLETIN

DATED:06/03/2020 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, **717** person shave been identified for observation. Of them **236** persons have completed 28 days of observation and **469** persons are continuing under home quarantine. These include persons who have travelled to COVID-19 affected countries and contacts of COVID-19 positive cases. As on today, **08** persons are admitted in selected isolation Hospitals. Till date **343** Samples of symptomatic persons are sent for testing and **296** samples are reported as Negative.

No positive cases in state till date

Till date **72,542 passengers** have been screened in Karnataka. The airport wise details are as follows.

1. KIA Airport Bengaluru –49,594passengers (3025 Screened yesterday)
2. Mangalore International airport–22,948 passengers. (809 Screened yesterday)

Also, 5147 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 8677 **calls** have been received for whom necessary guidance has been provided.

ABSTRACT		Date:06.03.2020	
	ACTIVITIES	Today	CUMULATIVE
A	PERSONS ENROLLED FOR OBSERVATION	22	717
B	PERSONS WHO HAVE COMPLETED 28 DAYS OBSERVATION PERIOD	11	236
C	PERSONS INHOME QUARANTINE	19	469
D	PERSONS IN ISOLATION AT HEALTH FACILITIES	3	8
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	22	343
G	Total Results Reported as NEGATIVE	23	296

TODAY'S UPDATES:

- State is continuing with universal screening of all international passengers
- Capacity of 104 call center has been expanded to 10 lines per each shift. Re-orientation of call centre staff has been done including new updates and latest advisories
- Meeting with Mall owners association has been held chaired by Commissioner-BBMP regarding update on COVID-19 including precautions and awareness to general public
- Meeting held with club associations of Bangalore chaired by Commissioner-HFW regarding precautions and support in awareness regarding COVID-19
- Instructions sent to display COVID-19 awareness messages at all Gram Panchayats for reliable information to general public
- District level teams will be formed to inspect and take necessary

against excessive charging for masks above MRP

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 with a request for test.

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.