



GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE SERVICE
BENGALURU



NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
MEDIA BULLETIN

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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 **77** countries including India till date.

In this context, Karnataka state has strengthened all surveillance and containment measures against the possible spread of disease. Till date, **695** persons have been identified for observation. Of them **225** persons have completed 28 days of observation and **461** 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, **05** persons are admitted in selected isolation Hospital. Till date **321** Samples of symptomatic persons are sent for testing and **273** samples are reported as Negative.

No positive cases in state till date

Till date **68,717** passengers have been screened in Karnataka. The airport wise details are as follows.

1. KIA Airport Bengaluru – 46,569 passengers (4276 Screened yesterday)
2. Mangalore International airport – 22,139 passengers. (290 Screened yesterday)

Also, 5103 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 **8010** calls have been received for whom necessary guidance has been provided.

ABSTRACT		Date: 05.03.2020	
	ACTIVITIES	Today	CUMULATIVE
A	PERSONS ENROLLED FOR OBSERVATION	57	695
B	PERSONS WHO HAVE COMPLETED 28 DAYS OBSERVATION PERIOD	16	225
C	PERSONS IN HOME QUARANTINE	53	461
D	PERSONS IN ISOLATION AT HEALTH FACILITIES	4	5
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	46	321
G	Total Results Reported as NEGATIVE	14	273

TODAY'S UPDATES:

- State is now screening all international passengers.
- Advisory released to IT/BT sector for COVID-19 precautions
- Meeting with Private Sector Hospitals held for updating them on recent developments on COVID-19 and seeking their active participation and help.

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 with a request for test.

Advice to General Public:

- Do not panic, Be aware
- Practice frequent handwashing: Wash hands with soap and water or use alcohol based hand-rub
- Cover your nose and mouth with handkerchief/tissue while sneezing and coughing. Throw used tissues into closed bins immediately after use
- See a doctor if you feel unwell (fever, difficulty in breathing and cough)
- **Mask is recommended only to those who are having flu like symptoms or those who are caring for such persons in close contact**
- Avoid participating in large gatherings if you are not well.
- Avoid non-essential travel to COVID-19 affected countries
- Don't touch eyes, nose, face frequently
- Avoid close contact with person experiencing cough and fever
- If you have any signs/symptoms with travel history to COVID-19 affected countries or contact with COVID-19 confirmed persons during last 14 days, please call toll free health helpline 104 and mail to ssuidspbangalore@gmail.com