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Daily report on Public Health measures taken for

COVID-19 Infection prevention and control

WHO has declared the recent COVID-19 epidemic affecting 77 countries as Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). In this context, Government of Tamil Nadu has strengthened the surveillance and control measures against the disease, as per the national guidelines.

All the passengers from all the international flights are screened universally through thermal screening. All over India the screening is carried out in 22 airports. In Tamil Nadu, till date 100111 passengers are screened at the Airports of Chennai, Trichy, Madurai, and Coimbatore. 1243 passengers are under home quarantine for 28 days and 5 are under hospital quarantine.

Till now 54 samples have been taken from the passengers and sent for testing at King Institute of Preventive Medicine, Guindy Chennai (50), National Institute of Virology, Pune (4). The samples all of 54 passengers are processed and negative for COVID-19 infection. The health status of the passengers under observation in home and hospital are stable.

In the background of the present COVID-19 epidemic, the general public are advised to adhere to health advisories issued by the state Government. Public should follow the cough etiquette by covering the face using handkerchief / towel while sneezing / coughing. Do frequent handwashing with soap and water.

People are advised to refrain from travelling to China, Iran, Republic of Korea, Italy & Japan and advised to avoid non essential travel to other COVID-19 affected countries. All people coming from China, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, Iran and Italy or having such travel history should remain under strict home quarantine or hospital isolation for 28 days from the date of arrival in India.

District Wise Report of passengers on follow-up for 28-day period for novel COVID-19 infection

SI.No		Feb (6-	24-	25-	26-	27-	28-	29-	1-	2-	3-	4-	Total
31.100	District	23)	Feb	Feb	Feb	Feb	Feb	Feb	Mar	Z- Mar	o- Mar	4- Mar	IOLAI
1	Ariyalur	7						100	iviai	iviai	iviai	11101	7
2	Chengalpattu	35	10					3	1				49
3	Chennai	251	30	11	6		50	21	23	5	27	13	437
4	Coimbatore	34	8		3	11	2	1		2	4		65
5	Cuddalore	8					1		1	1	3		14
6	Dharmapuri	4											4
7	Dindigul	9						1	3				13
8	Erode	8		2				1					11
9	Kallakuruchi	1									2		3
10	Kancheepuram	5					9	2	2	1	12	2	33
11	Kanyakumari	5				6	1		1		2	1	16
12	Karur	3					3						6
13	Krishnagiri	2											2
14	Madurai	25	2	2				1	1			1	32
15	Nagapattinam	43		1			1	1	4		10		60
16	Namakkal	6			1		6	2			5	5	25
17	Nilgris	0							1				1
18	Perambalur	4											4
19	Pudukottai	24	1		1		1				2		29
20	Ramanathapuram	80			1		1				1		83
21	Ranipet	1									4		5
22	Salem	9		1			6	4	1	1	6		28
23	Sivaganga	25								1			26
24	Tenkasi	4				6							10
25	Thanjavur	27	2				9				1	5	44
26	Theni	0						2			1		3
27	Thiruvallur	17	6	1			2	1	1		2	2	32
28	Thiruvarur	19	1					1	1		1		23
29	Thoothukudi	21	4	1		4	4	1	1	12	4	1	53
30	Tiruchirapalli	39		1	1			3	6	3	3		56
31	Tirunelveli	5							1		3		9
32	Tirupathur	0					2						2
33	Tiruppur	7	3				1		1		1		13
34	Tiruvannamalai	2		1		1	2		1		1	1	9
35	Vellore	3	2				3		1		1	1	11
36	Villupuram	3	3									2	8
37	Virudhunagar	13							1		2	1	17
	Total	749	72	21	13	28	104	45	52	26	98	35	1243