

Alert color codes

For effective outbreak response, Green, Yellow, Orange and Red Zones can be continually identified and updated to help monitor the situation, to increase response effort where needed, and to release areas from constraints when possible. Individual Yellow, Orange and Red Zones should be as small as practical (neighborhoods, urban areas, counties/precincts, states).

Types of Zones

Green Zones: Regions without confirmed cases or with a few infected travelers arriving from other regions

Yellow Zones: Regions with a few cases of local transmission, but without clusters of community transmission

Orange Zones: Regions adjacent to Red Zones or with small clusters

Red Zones: Regions that have sustained community transmission

Response Protocol	Green	Yellow	Orange	Red
Raise public awareness on social distancing, hand washing, and masks	✓	✓	✓	✓
Develop rapid response process to test domestic citizens	✓	✓	✓	✓
Perform quick tests at borders of Yellow or Orange Zones	✓	✓	✓	✓
Enforce 14 day quarantine for individuals who are likely to have had contact with infected individuals, including all travelers from Red Zones	✓	✓	✓	✓
Identify contacts of confirmed cases (contact tracing), and test, monitor and/or self-isolate them		✓	✓	✓
Promote personal protection including social distancing, hand washing, sneeze etiquette		✓	✓	✓
Frequently monitor the health condition of a selected group of people with frequent social contact		✓	✓	✓
Urge citizens to avoid nonessential gatherings, especially in confined spaces		✓	✓	✓
Provide maximum protection for medical staff		✓	✓	✓
Promote personal protection including facial masks			✓	✓
Postpone/cancel nonessential gatherings and events			✓	✓
Disinfect public places			✓	✓
Actively test everyone with symptoms			✓	✓
Increase test capacity and speed			✓	✓
Suspend schools, places of worship and businesses				✓
Restrict travel only for essential purposes				✓
Lockdown (quarantine) infected communities keeping people in their homes and delivering necessities to them without contact				✓
Quarantine contacts of cases				✓
Galvanize national resources (medical, logistical...) for the quarantined areas				✓
Separate facilities for infection cases from other health services				✓
Create different tiers of hospitals to separate and treat cases of different severity				✓