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Daily report on Public Health measures taken for COVID-19

WHO has declared COVID-19 affecting 203 countries as Pandemic. In this context, Government of Tamil Nadu has strengthened the surveillance and control measures against the disease, as per the national guidelines.

In Tamil Nadu, till date 2,09,288 passengers were screened at the Airports of Chennai, Trichy, Madurai, and Coimbatore. As on date, including the passenger from other countries, there are 77,330 passengers are under home quarantine for 28 days. Currently, 81 asymptomatic passengers from highly affected countries are being quarantined in quarantine facilities near airport and 630 are under hospital isolation.

Till now 2354 samples have been taken from the passengers and sent for testing at King Institute of Preventive Medicine & Research, Guindy Chennai, National Institute of Virology, Pune, Theni VRDL, Thiruvarur VRDL, Tirunelveli VRDL, RGGGH VDRL, Coimbatore VRDL, Salem VRDL, Villupuram VRDL, Madurai VRDL, Trichy VRDL, Neuberg Ehrlich, CMC Vellore, SRMC and Apollo Chennai. 124 persons are tested positive till date.

The general public are advised to adhere to health advisories and travel 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.

## **Additional Case details**

- **Patient 68**: 43-year Male, (family contact of case 36), Pozhichalur, with travel history to Trivandrum admitted in RGGGH reported positive.
- **Patient 69**: 28-year-old Male, co-worker of case 30, from Tiruvannamalai, admitted in Govt Tiruvannamalai Medical College, reported positive.
- **Patient 70 72**: (3 Male persons), all from Villupuram, who attended the Delhi Conference isolation in Govt Villupuram Medical College Hospital, Villupuram reported positive.
- **Patient 73 74**: (2 Male persons), all from Madurai, who attended the Delhi Conference isolation in Govt Madurai Medical College Hospital, Madurai reported positive.
- **Patient 75 78:** 4 male persons from Kanyakumari district who attended the Delhi Conference under isolation in Govt Kanyakumari Medical College Hospital, Kanyakumari, reported positive.
- **Patient 79** A 35-year-old male from Kanyakumari admitted in isolation in Govt Kanyakumari Medical College Hospital, Kanyakumari reported positive.
- **Patient 80 101:** 22 Male persons from Tirunelveli district who attended the Delhi Conference under isolation in Govt Tirunelveli Medical College Hospital, Tirunelveli reported positive.
- **Patient 102**: 1 Male person from Thoothukudi district who attended the Delhi Conference under isolation in Govt Tirunelveli Medical College Hospital, Tirunelveli reported positive.
- **Patient 103 -120:** 18 male persons from Namakkal district (12 Namakkal, 1 Paramathi Velur, 5 Rasipuram) who attended the Delhi Conference are under isolation in Namakkal Medical College Hospital and Rasipuram GH, Namakkal district reported positive.
- **Patient 121 124:** 4 persons from Chennai, admitted in RGGGH and Private Hospitals reported positive