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A worker checks the temperature of a passenger with an infrared thermometer, following the coronavirus outbreak (**Reuters**)

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- The two patients are hospitalised in the capital Tirana and their health condition is stable
- Albania is the fifth western Balkans country where the virus has

spread after Croatia, North Macedonia, Bosnia and Serbia where 19 people have been infected

Tirana: Albania reported its first confirmed cases of the novel coronavirus on Monday, a man who returned from Italy late last month and his father, the health ministry said.

"A 54-year-old man and his 28-year-old son who returned by car from Florence tested positive for COVID-19," a ministry statement said.

The two are hospitalised in the capital Tirana and their health condition is stable, it said.

Albania is the fifth western Balkans country where the virus has spread after Croatia, North Macedonia, Bosnia and Serbia where 19 people have been infected.

More than half are in Croatia.

Roughly 110,00 people have been infected worldwide and nearly 3,800 have died from the virus, the vast majority in China where it first emerged late last year.

Italy is now the second-worst affected country in the world with more than 7,300 infected people and 366 deaths.

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- ICMR said there should not be a delay of a single day for regulatory clearances for vaccines to break the transmission of the virus in the country
- The vaccine candidates have got their sites ready and they are doing the clinical study approximately on 1,000 volunteers each at different sites, added ICMR

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Mukesh Ambani is likely to discuss company's future plans following the recent partnerships with global social media giant Facebook at the 43rd AGM **(REUTERS)**