



GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE SERVICES, BENGALURU



NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

MEDIA BULLETIN

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Situation till: 4:00 PM today

World Health Organization has declared the recent Novel Coronavirus, COVID-19 as ***Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)*** which has affected **123 countries/ territories** including India till date. WHO has characterized COVID-19 as a ***Pandemic*** on 11th March 2020

In this context, Karnataka state has strengthened all surveillance and containment measures against the possible spread of disease.

“Till date Six COVID-19 positive cases have been reported in Karnataka state including one death”

Five COVID-19 positive patients are in isolation at designated hospital in Bangalore and are stable.

Universal Screening of all International Passengers continues; Summary as below:

ABSTRACT		Date:14.03.2020	
	ACTIVITIES	Today	CUMULATIVE
A	Persons Enrolled For Observation	312	1657
B	Persons who have completed 28 days observation period	11	313
C	Persons in Home Quarantine	301	1308
D	Persons In Isolation At Health Facilities	11	32
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	92	731
G	Total samples reported as negative	50	590
H	Total Samples Positive for COVID-19	0	6

Details of persons isolated at selected isolation facilities:

Details of Isolated persons in the Designated Hospitals				
	Name of the District	Today's New admissions	Today Discharged	Total Isolated
A	Bengaluru (RGICD)	3	3	7
B	Bengaluru (Identified Hospitals)	0	0	2
C	Hassan	0	0	4
D	Dakshina Kannada	4	4	7
E	Ballari	0	0	1
F	Chikkamagaluru	1	0	2
G	Kalaburagi	0	0	4
H	Kodagu	0	0	1
I	Udupi	1	4	2
J	Bidar	2	0	2
Total		11	11	32

Till date **1,09,132 passengers** have been screened in Karnataka. The details of points of entry are as follows.

1. KIA Airport Bengaluru –75,730 passengers cumulative (3,004 Screened yesterday)
2. Mangalore International airport–27,963 passengers cumulative. (791 Screened yesterday)
3. Also, 5,439 passengers have been screened at Mangalore and Karwar seaports.

104 Arogya Sahayavani (Toll Free Health-Helpline Call centre) has reserved 40 lines for receiving calls for COVID-19. Till date, 20,911 **calls** have been received for whom necessary guidance has been provided (1768 calls received yesterday). Further 10 lines have been reserved for out-going calls where the employees of IT/BT and other companies who have returned from COVID-19 countries are being contacted regarding their health status.

TODAY'S UPDATES:

- Asymptomatic passengers arriving from any of the COVID-19 affected countries should be under strict home quarantine for 14 days
 - Those who have come in contact with COVID-19 positive cases or come from high risk countries will be followed up through personal visit by health-workers
 - Passengers from all other COVID-19 affected countries will be followed through outbound calls through 104 call centre
- All Symptomatic passengers who have visited any of the COVID-19 affected countries during last 14 days should be admitted at designated isolation hospital and tested for COVID-19
- An orientation was held for medical college staff regarding COVID-19 infection prevention and control protocols and surveillance activities to support health department
- As per Government of India instructions, quarantine of passengers from 7 countries (China, Italy, Iran, Korea, France, Spain and Germany) as per risk categorization has been initiated from 13th March 2020 onwards. All passengers of risk category 1 (Symptomatic on Arrival) and category 2 (aged above 60 years) are being quarantined at designated facility for 14 days from arrival in India
- In view of increasing calls related to COVID-19, dedicated seating at 104 call centre has been increased to 40
- One dedicated person from 108 will be present at 104 call centre to co-ordinate ambulance services

Appeal to Public: Any person who has returned from COVID-19 affected countries or has been in personal contact with such person must remain in home isolation for 14 days from arrival in India irrespective of having any symptoms or not. Also, should self-notify to nearest government hospital or call 104 health helpline. Maintain personal hygiene, use tissue paper/handkerchief while coughing or sneezing, frequently wash hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer and avoid attending mass social gatherings.

***Help us to Help you. Let us fight COVID-19 together
Stay Home, be safe***

All the Guidelines and Advisories are available at State Health and Family welfare department Website:

<https://karunadu.karnataka.gov.in/hfw/kannada/Pages/nCov-iec.aspx>