



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 **159 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 Fourteen COVID-19 positive cases have been reported in Karnataka state including one death”

Thirteen COVID-19 positive patients are in isolation at designated hospitals and are stable.

Three New Positive confirmed cases have been reported today. Details as below;

- **Patient 12:** 25 year old male who is resident of Bangalore returned from Madrid-Spain on 13th March 2020. He is now admitted in designated isolation hospital. 7 primary contacts have been identified and are under strict home quarantine.
- **Patient 13:** 56 year old female who is resident of Bangalore returned from U.S on 6th March 2020 has tested positive for COVID-19. She is now admitted in designated isolation facility and stable. 50 primary contacts have been identified and are under strict home quarantine
- **Patient 14:** 35 year old male from Bangalore returned back from U.S on 10th March. He was on strict home quarantine. Got tested after developing symptoms on 16th March 2020. He has been confirmed COVID-19 positive and is admitted in designated isolation facility. Contact tracing is under progress
- Contact tracing of secondary contacts is under progress for all the cases.

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

Till date **1,19,814 passengers** have been screened in Karnataka. The details of points of entry are as follows:

1. KIA Airport Bengaluru –84,152 passengers cumulative (1,876 Screened yesterday)
2. Mangalore International airport–30,040 passengers cumulative. (563 Screened yesterday)
3. Also, 5,622 passengers have been screened at Mangalore and Karwar seaports.

ABSTRACT		Date:18.03.2020	
	ACTIVITIES	Today	CUMULATIVE
A	Persons Enrolled For Observation	365	2935
B	Persons who have completed 28 days observation period	93	570
C	Persons in Home Quarantine	328	2281
D	Persons In Isolation At Health Facilities	37	80
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	125	1068
G	Total samples reported as negative	103	869
H	Total Samples Positive for COVID-19	3	14

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)	2	2	10
B	Bengaluru (Identified Hospitals)	23	0	39
C	Dakshina Kannada	2	7	4
D	Ballari	1	0	2
E	Chikkamagaluru	1	2	1
F	Kalaburagi	3	0	12
G	Kodagu	2	1	4
H	Udupi	0	0	1
I	Bidar	0	2	1
J	Gadag	0	0	1
K	Uttara Kannada	3	4	5
Total		37	18	80

104 ArogyaSahayavani (Toll Free Health-Helpline Call centre)

40 lines have been reserved for receiving calls of COVID-19. Till date, 30,369 calls have been received for whom necessary guidance has been provided (2,495 calls received yesterday). 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:

1. High level cabinet meeting was held under chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister to review situation of COVID-19 in the state including actions and containment planning.
2. A meeting was held with all first responder hospitals for orientation regarding case reporting and referral protocols.
3. Commissioner-HFW reviewed preparedness and control measures with all the concerned state level officers
4. Mental health counselling for positive confirmed cases and persons on home quarantine is ongoing. 2230 counselling sessions have been held till date.
5. A video conference was held with all the district surveillance officers today to review preparedness measures

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>