



**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 Corona virus, COVID-19 as **Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)** which has affected **166 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 Fifteen COVID-19 positive cases have been reported in Karnataka state including one death”

- Fourteen COVID-19 positive patients are in isolation at designated hospitals and are stable
- Details of new COVID-19 positive case confirmed from Kodagu district
 - o **Patient 15:** 35 year old male patient from Kodagu has tested positive for COVID-19 today. He has returned from Dubai on 15th March 2020 to Kempegowda international Airport Bangalore and travelled to Kodagu by bus on same day. He was admitted to designated isolation hospital at Kodagu on 17th March and sample collected same day. Contact tracing is under progress.

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

Till date **1,22,532 passengers** have been screened in Karnataka. The details of points of entry are as follows:

1. KIA Airport Bengaluru -86,231 passengers cumulative (2,079 Screened yesterday)
2. Mangalore International airport-30,606 passengers cumulative. (566 Screened yesterday)
3. Also, 5,695 passengers have been screened at Mangalore and Karwar seaports.

ABSTRACT		Date: 19.03.2020	
	ACTIVITIES	Today	CUMULATIVE
A	Persons Enrolled For Observation	114	3049
B	Persons who have completed 28 days observation period	98	668
C	Persons in Home Quarantine	74	2280
D	Persons In Isolation At Health Facilities	26	97
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	75	1143
G	Total samples reported as negative	46	915
H	Total Samples Positive for COVID-19	1	15

Details of persons isolated at selected isolation facilities:

Details of Isolated persons in the Designated Hospitals				
	Name of the District	Today's Admissions	New Discharged	Total Isolated
A	Bengaluru (RGICD)	1	3	7
B	Bengaluru (Identified Hospitals)	0	20	42
C	Dakshina Kannada	12	2	14
D	Ballari	0	0	2
E	Chikkamagaluru	0	0	1
F	Kalaburagi	0	1	11
G	Kodagu	0	0	4
H	Udupi	5	0	6
I	Bidar	1	0	2
J	Gadag	1	0	2
K	Uttara Kannada	0	0	1
L	Dharwad	3	0	3
M	Hassan	3	1	2
Total		26	27	97

Today's Updates:

- High level cabinet meeting was held yesterday under chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister to review situation of COVID-19 in the state including actions and containment planning. Actions taken as below:
 - A special state task force has been formed to review COVID-19 situation on a daily basis constituting Deputy Chief Minister Dr.CN.Ashwath Narayan, Health Minister Shri B.Sriramulu, Medical Education Minister Dr.K. Sudhakar, Home Minister Shri Basavaraj Bommai and Chief Secretary Shri TM Vijaya Bhaskar
 - Rs:200 crore rupees have been allocated for COVID-19 emergency response
 - All the precautionary measures announced on 13th March 2020 for a period of one week have been extended till 31st March 2020. Public are requested to co-operate in view of controlling further spread COVID-19.
- A public notification has been issued to avoid visiting hospital for next 2 weeks for those coming for elective procedures, mild illness, follow-up care and outpatient care including dental patients at medical college hospital, district hospitals, super- specialty hospitals and autonomous institutions. Private hospitals are instructed to take similar steps to prevent crowding and spread of covid-19.
- Home quarantine stamping for all international passengers has been initiated from 18th March 2020 at Kempegowda International airport-Bangalore and Mangalore International airport
- A video conference meeting was held today with all first responder hospitals in the state to review preparations

104 ArogyaSahayavani (Toll Free Health-Helpline Call centre)

40 lines have been reserved for receiving calls of COVID-19. Till date, 33,550 calls have been received for whom necessary guidance has been provided (3,181 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.

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>