



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



**NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

**MEDIA BULLETIN**

**DATED: 31/03/2020**

**Situation at: 2:00 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 **203 countries/territories** including India till date. WHO has characterized COVID-19 as a **Pandemic** on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

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

**“Till date 101 COVID-19 positive cases have been confirmed  
in the state which includes 3 deaths & 8 discharges”**

- Out of 90, 88 COVID-19 positive patients (including 1 pregnant woman) are in isolation at designated hospitals are stable and Two *in ICU* (P43 & P101).
- Details of new confirmed COVID-19 cases as below:

Thirteen new cases have been confirmed in the state of Karnataka from 30.03.2020 5.00pm to 31.03.2020 2.00pm and the brief descriptions of the cases are follows:

- P89: 52 year old Male, resident of Hospet- Bellary. The case is isolated in designated hospital Bellary. There is a history of travel to Bengaluru on 16.03.2020 and the detail investigation is under process.
- P90: 48 year old Female, resident of Hospet- Bellary. The case is isolated in designated hospital Bellary. There is a history of travel to Bengaluru on 16.03.2020 and the detail investigation is under process.
- P91: 26 year old Female, resident of Hospet- Bellary. The case is isolated in designated hospital Bellary. There is a history of travel to Bengaluru on 16.03.2020 and the detail investigation is under process.
- P92: 40 year old Male, resident of Bengaluru (P59- Husband). The case is isolated in designated hospital Bengaluru.
- P93: 19 year old Male, resident of Bengaluru, had a travel history to New York, USA returned to India on 22.03.2020. The case is isolated in designated hospital Bengaluru.
- P94: 40 year old Female, resident of Gowribidanur Taluk, Chikkaballapur. The case is isolated in designated hospital Chikkaballapur.
- P95: 35 year old Male, resident of Mysore (Contact with P52). The case is isolated in designated hospital Mysore.

- P96: 41 year old Male, resident of Mysore (Contact with P52). The case is isolated in designated hospital Mysore.
- P97: 34 year old Male, resident of Dakshina Kannada, had a travel history to Dubai returned to India on 18.03.2020. The case is isolated in designated hospital Dakshina Kannada.
- P98: 26 year old Male, resident of Batkal - Uttarakannada, had a travel history to Dubai returned to India on 20.03.2020. The case is isolated in designated hospital Uttarakannada.
- P99: 60 year old Female, resident of Kalburgi (contact of P9 - wife), the case is isolated in designated hospital Kalburgi.
- P100: 40 year old Male, resident of BBMP- Bengaluru, had a travel history to Dubai returned to India on 20.03.2020. The case is isolated in designated hospital Bengaluru.
- P101: 62 year old Female, resident of Bengaluru. The detail medical investigation is under process and the case is isolated in designated hospital in Bengaluru.

<b>Karnataka District wise update</b>				
<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Total confirmed cases</b>	<b>Cured / discharged</b>	<b>Death</b>
1	Bengaluru	45	7*	1
2	Mysore	14	0	0
3	Chikkaballapura	9	0	0
4	Dakshinakannada	8	0	0
5	Uttarakannada	8	0	0
6	Kalburgi	4	1	1
7	Davangere	3	0	0
8	Udupi	3	0	0
9	Bellary	3	0	0
10	Tumkur	2	0	1
11	Kodagu	1	0	0
12	Dharwad	1	0	0
Total		101	8	3

*\* P1, P2, P3, P4, P5, P7, P8 & P12 have been discharged; Deaths are P6, P53& P60*

Contact tracing has been initiated for all the cases.

**Note:** Out of 101 cases detected and confirmed in Karnataka so far **6** cases are transit passengers of Kerala who have landed in our airports and being treated in Karnataka. The details of their itinerary after arriving in Karnataka will be provided.

**Universal Screening of all International Passengers continues;** Summary as follows:

Till date **1,28,315** passengers have been screened in Karnataka. The details of points of entry are as follows:

1. KIA, Bengaluru –89,963 passengers cumulative.

**Total international passengers landed & screened in KIAL, Bengaluru between 17.03.2020 to 23.03.2020 is 10773. (No flight movement from 23.03.2020, 1.30am IST)**

2. Mangalore International airport – 31,917 passengers cumulative.
3. Also, 6435 (cumulative) passengers have been screened at Mangalore and Karwar seaports. On 30<sup>th</sup> March **41** individuals were screened.

<b>ABSTRACT</b>			
	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>CUMULATIVE</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Persons Enrolled For Observation</b>	2318	45247
<b>B</b>	<b>Persons who have completed 14 days observation period</b>	4228	37261
<b>C</b>	<b>Persons stamped</b>	1680	25382
<b>D</b>	<b>Persons In Isolation At Health Facilities</b>	43	256
<b>E</b>	<b>Total samples collected for Testing</b>	206	3535
<b>F</b>	<b>Total samples reported as negative</b>	198	3297
<b>G</b>	<b>Total Samples Positive for COVID-19</b>	13	101

**Details of persons isolated at selected isolation facilities:**

<b>Details of Isolated persons in the Designated Hospitals</b>				
	<b>Name of the District</b>	<b>Today's New Admissions</b>	<b>Today Discharged</b>	<b>Total Isolated</b>
1	Bengaluru (Identified Hospitals)	21	0	41
2	Tumkuru	0	0	34
3	Kalaburagi	0	1	32
4	Dakshina Kannada	0	6	27
5	Udupi	3	0	26
6	Mysuru	2	0	14
7	Ballari	3	0	13
8	Bidar	0	0	10
9	Uttara Kannada	0	0	10
10	Chikkaballapur	2	0	10
11	Gadag	2	0	8
12	Bengaluru (RGICD)	0	0	5
13	Hassan	2	0	5
14	Dharwad	0	0	4
15	Davangere	0	0	4
16	Shivamoga	1	2	3
17	Vijayapura	1	2	2
18	Kodagu	1	0	2
19	Ramanagar	2	0	2
20	Chitradurga	0	0	1
21	Yadgiri	1	1	1
22	Haveri	1	0	1
23	Kolar	1	0	1
24	Bagalkote	0	1	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>256</b>

## Today's Updates

- 1) The Commissionerate, Health & Family Welfare Services in their efforts for containment of COVID-19, has instructed all the private Hospitals to mandatorily report all Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) cases admitted under them to the District Surveillance Officer.
- 2) The Commissionerate, Health & Family Welfare Services has given recommendations for empiric use of Hydroxy Chloroquine tablets for prophylaxis of SARS-CoV-2 and has instructed all the Deputy Commissioners to ensure that the health workers are provided with Hydroxy Chloroquine tablets.
- 3) All Cases of Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) should be referred to District level hospital or medical college with ICU facility for clinical management. Sample may be taken for COVID-19 testing as per revised sample collection protocols.
- 4) In continuation to the order issued regarding exemption of attending office for the Government Officials till 31.03.2020, the exemption is extended to till 14.04.2020 and this order excludes below mentioned essential service providing departments like 1) Department of Health & Family Welfare 2) Department of Medical Education 3) Department of Home 4) Revenue Department 5) Department of Rural Development & Panchayatraj 6) Department of Urban Development 7) Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer affairs 8) Department of Information and Public Relations 9) Department of Transport 10) Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and 11) Department of Energy.

- 5) Effective coordination among all agencies is vital to deal with this Health Emergency. Keeping in view the need for such integrated response, The Chief Secretary & Chairman, State Executive Committee, state Disaster Management Authority, Karnataka has ordered 15 special teams involving Senior Officers under various departments and issued directives to deal with various aspects of COVID-19 management and containment.

The committees shall monitor on a daily basis, identify problem areas and provide effective solutions for time bound implementation of plans/decisions/policies in their respective areas.

- 6) Availability of doctors & para-medical staff in UPHCs is an urgent and essential need for containment of COVID-19 especially in urban areas like BBMP. In this regard, the Commissioner, H&FW Services issued directions for urgent recruitment of all vacancies of Urban Primary Health Centers under BBMP and Bengaluru Urban area. The special officers are designated for this urgent recruitment to be completed within 2-3 days through walk-in-interview procedure.
- 7) To avoid confusion regarding compulsory wearing of mask by the public, Health Department has issued advisories for using mask by the service providers/ public as below:
  - a) Wearing of mask is essential for
    - The person suffering from cold, cough and fever or there are any symptoms of respiratory infections.
    - The person looking after suspected / confirmed cases of COVID-19
    - The health person involved in caring of above said persons/patients.
  - b) The type of mask to be used are
    - **N95:** To be used by the person / Health Worker looking after suspected / confirmed COVID-19 cases.
    - **Three layered surgical mask :** To be used by persons other than those looking after suspected / confirmed cases of COVID-19

- 8) **Any person who has attended Tablighi Jamaat Congregation at Nizamuddin Markaz Masjid in New Delhi, kindly contact 080-29711171 Arogya Sayavaani.**
- 9) Home Quarantine Enforcement squad have quarantined **49** persons in institutions yesterday based on the complaints received from public & totally till date **193** have been shifted from home Quarantine to institutional quarantine.
- 10) The positive cases and suspects hospitalized in the designated hospitals and quarantined persons either in the mass quarantine or houses will be staying there for a minimum period of 14 days or till the successive samples of the positive case are proved negative or as per the treating physicians advice. This long duration of stay in isolation requires a mental booster for keeping oneself calm & quite. Foreseeing this department has arranged for **mental health counseling** of such patients and contacts **1,082 sessions were held on 30.03.2020** and so far **14,817** number of counseling sessions have been held.
- 11) Appeal to Doctors has been issued by Hon'ble Chief Minister to give missed call to **08047192219** or signup at <https://forms.gle/TPbU7eZgazdxG9gS9> to volunteer for COVID-19 tele-medicine facility and to help the Government.
- 12) Corona Watch mobile application can be downloaded from [www.karnataka.gov.in](http://www.karnataka.gov.in). In the application you can see the spots visited by positive patients upto 14 days prior to testing positive. Also it shows the nearest First Respondent Hospitals and Helpline numbers.
- 13) Any COVID 19 queries please contact helpline numbers 104 Arogya Sahayavani and new number **9745697456**.

**Arogya Sahayavani (104, 9745697456, 080-46848600 & 66692000)**

210 lines have been reserved for receiving calls of COVID-19 on 30.03.2020 calls 22,572 have been received and around 48,372 calls have outgone along with 164 manual calls has been done, for whom necessary guidance has been provided.

**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***

***Helpline numbers 9745697456, 080-46848600, 080-66692000 &  
104 Arogya Sahayavani***

All the Guidelines and Advisories are available at State Health and Family welfare department Website: <https://karunadu.karnataka.gov.in/hfw/kannada/Pages/covid-19.aspx>

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