



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



NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

MEDIA BULLETIN

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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 **176 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 Twenty COVID-19 positive cases have been confirmed in the state which includes one death”

- Eighteen COVID-19 positive patients are in isolation at designated hospitals and are stable.
- Details of 5 new confirmed COVID-19 cases as below:
 - **Patient 16:** A 53 year female patient from Bangalore has tested positive for COVID-19 today. She is high risk contact (housemaid) of patient-11 and was on strict home quarantine. She is now admitted in designated isolation hospital in Bangalore
 - **Patient 17:** A 39 year Male patient from Bangalore came from Amsterdam, Netherlands on 19th March 2020 and has tested positive for COVID-19 today. He is now admitted in designated isolation hospital in Bangalore
 - **Patient 18:** A 21 year Male patient from Bangalore has tested positive for COVID-19. He returned from Edinburgh, Scotland on 17th March 2020. He is now admitted in designated isolation hospital in Bangalore
 - **Patient 19:** A 31 year Male patient from Chikkaballapura with history of travel to Mecca, Saudi Arabia has tested positive for COVID-19 today. He returned to India on 14th March and is now admitted in designated isolation hospital in Bangalore.
 - **Patient 20:** A male patient aged 35 years from Mysore has been tested positive COVID-19 today. He arrived to India on 19th March 2020 from Dubai through Kempegowda International Airport, Bangalore. He is now admitted in designated isolation hospital in Mysore.

Contact tracing has been initiated for all the cases.

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

Till date **1,25,840 passengers** have been screened in Karnataka. The details of points of entry

are as follows:

1. KIA Airport Bengaluru –88,368 passengers cumulative (1521 Screened yesterday).
2. Mangalore International airport–31,646 passengers cumulative (474 Screened yesterday).
3. Also, 5,826 passengers have been screened at Mangalore and Karwar seaports .

ABSTRACT		Date:21.03.2020	
	ACTIVITIES	Today	CUMULATIVE
A	Persons Enrolled For Observation	651	4681
B	Persons who have completed 28 days observation period	502	1356
C	Persons in Home Quarantine	625	3175
D	Persons In Isolation At Health Facilities	26	146
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	170	1377
G	Total samples reported as negative	26	996
H	Total Samples Positive for COVID-19	5	20

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	2	8
B	Bengaluru (Identified Hospitals)	0	4	35
C	Dakshina Kannada	14	7	18
D	Ballari	0	0	2
E	Chikkamagaluru	0	0	0
F	Kalaburagi	0	3	8
G	Kodagu	0	0	5
H	Udupi	5	0	15
I	Bidar	0	1	3
J	Gadag	2	1	4
K	Uttara Kannada	1	0	5
L	Dharwad	0	0	4
M	Hassan	2	0	2
N	Chamarajanagar	0	0	3
o	Chitradurga	0	0	2
P	Davangere	3	0	12
Q	Haveri	0	0	1
R	Koppal	0	0	1
S	Mysuru	0	4	4
T	Raichur	2	0	3
U	Shivamoga	0	0	10

V	Mandya	0	0	2
W	Tumakuru	0	0	2
Total		32	22	149

Today's Updates:

- Five New COVID-19 cases have been confirmed in the state taking the total positive cases to 20.
- It has been decided to utilize services of 10 Senior IAS officers to coordinate the COVID-19 containment activities.
- Revised order regarding COVID-19 containment measures is issued by the Director of Health & Family Welfare Services which includes the additional provisions and the closure of certain activities and institutions has been extended upto 00.00 hours of 1.4.2020.
- Addendum and Continuum order by the Director of Health & Family Welfare Services has been issued adding certain measures to the revised COVID-19 order. Further, directions have been given to the markets and malls to reduce peak hour crowding, maintain social distancing and initiate public information measures through displays and electronic media.
- In the continuum order directions have been given to the management of online marketing services to provide masks and sanitizers to the delivery executives.
- Directions have been issued to constitute teams of members belonging to revenue, police, municipality and health to visit all the home quarantined passengers to stamp on the back of the left hand palm showing the date of end of the quarantine period. Thereby monitoring of the home quarantined persons.
- 108 teams have been constituted in BBMP area to visit all home quarantined persons on 22.03.2020, Sunday.
- A circular has been issued to Health & Family Welfare Department officials and staff at all levels to work even on Sundays and general holidays without fail till 31.03.2020 in order to control the spread of COVID-19.
- 48 Government Hospital and 35 private Hospitals have been identified as first respondent hospitals for the case management of COVID-19 cases. Audio Conference has been held with all the first responder hospitals to review the preparedness.
- Mental Health counseling is being done for positive COVID-19 cases and suspects in the identified hospitals and quarantined persons at home. A total of 4390 counseling sessions have been held till date.
- A training has been held for NSS co-ordinators of all districts regarding COVID-19 awareness generation.
- A video conference has been held with all SPs and Police Commissioners to discuss regarding their support in COVID-19 response.
- Notice has been issued to all apartment owners and resident welfare associations regarding home quarantine of persons who have visited COVID-19 affected countries during last 14 days. They have been requested to support in ensuring strict home quarantine.

- New COVID 19 Helpline numbers 080-46848600 and 080-66692000 are now functional apart from the existing helpline number 104 Arogya Sahayavani.

104 Arogya Sahayavani (Toll Free Health-Helpline Call centre)

210 lines have been reserved for receiving calls of COVID-19. Till date around 45,047 calls have been received for whom necessary guidance has been provided (5047 calls received yesterday).

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/covid-19.aspx>
