



**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 **189 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 41 COVID-19 positive cases have been confirmed
in the state which includes one death & 3 discharged”**

- Thirty Seven COVID-19 positive patients are in isolation at designated hospitals and are stable.
- Details of new confirmed COVID-19 cases as below:

1) Between the 2.00pm report on 23.03.2020 till 12.00 noon of 24.03.2020 five more new cases have been confirmed in the state of Karnataka and the brief description as follows:

Patient 34K: 32 year old male, resident of Kasargodu, kerala State had a history of travel to Dubai and arrived at Mangaluru on 20th March 2020. The case is directly quarantined and isolated from the Airport to the designated hospital in Mangaluru.

Patient 35: 40 year old male, resident of Uttara Kannada District had a history of travel to Dubai and arrived to India on 21.03.2020. The cases is isolated and treated at designated hospital, Uttara Kannada District.

Patient 36: 65 year old male, resident of Uttara Kannada district had a history of travel to Dubai and arrived at Mumai, India on 18.03.2020 and travelled to Uttara Kannada by train. The cases is isolated and treated at designated hospital, Uttara Kannada District.

Patient 37: 56 year old female, resident of Chikkaballapura district, family member and a co-passenger of P19 and P22, had history of travel to Mecca, Saudi Arabia and arrived at Hyderabad, India on 14.03.2020. The case is isolated at designated hospital in Chikkaballapura.

Patient 38: 56 year old female, resident of Bengaluru and contact of P13, is isolated at designated hospital in Bengaluru.

Patient 39K: 47 year old male, resident of Kasargodu, kerala State had a history of travel to Dubai and arrived at Mangaluru. The case is directly quarantined and isolated from the Airport to the designated hospital in Mangaluru.

Patient 40K: 70 year old female, resident of Kasargodu, kerala State had a history of travel to Saudhi Arabia and arrived at Mangaluru. The case is isolated and being treated at designated hospital in Mangaluru.

Patient 41K: 23 year old male, resident of Kasargodu, Kerala had a history of travel to Dubai and arrived on 20.03.2020 at Mangaluru. The case is directly quarantined and isolated from the Airport to the designated hospital in Mangaluru.

Note: Out of 41 cases detected and confirmed in Karnataka so far 6 cases are transit passengers of Kerala who have landed in airports and being treated in Karnataka. The details of their itinerary after arriving in Karnataka will be provided.

Batkal patients resident of Uttara Kannada is hospitalized in Dakshina Kannada and considered against Dakshina Kannada.

Karnataka District wise update				
Sl. No	District	Total confir med cases	cured / discharged	Death
1	Bengaluru	24	3*	0
2	Kalburgi	3	0	1
3	Kodagu	1	0	0
4	Chikkaballapura	3	0	0
5	Mysore	2	0	0
6	Dharwad	1	0	0
7	Dakshina kannada	5	0	0
8	Uttarakannada	2	0	0
Total		41	3	1

*P2 & P4 have been discharged today.

Contact tracing has been initiated for all the cases.

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

Till date **1,27,941** passengers have been screened in Karnataka. The details of points of entry are as follows:

All International flights suspended, domestic flights will be suspended from 24.03.2020 at 11.59pm.

All seaports closed.

ABSTRACT		Date: 24.03.2020	
	ACTIVITIES	Today	CUMULATIVE
A	Persons Enrolled For Observation	377	12406
B	Persons In Isolation At Health Facilities	45	197
D	Total samples collected for Testing	160	1637
E	Total samples reported as negative	43	1196
F	Total Samples Positive for COVID-19	8	41

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)	0	2	5
B	Bengaluru (Identified Hospitals)	1	2	41
C	Dakshina Kannada	8	4	39
D	Ballari	1	0	3
E	Kalaburagi	4	4	10
F	Kodagu	4	0	5
G	Udupi	10	0	40
H	Bidar	0	2	2
I	Gadag	5	0	14
J	Uttara Kannada	2	0	9
K	Dharwad	1	0	4
L	Hassan	2	2	3
M	Chamarajanagar	0	0	2
N	Chitradurga	0	0	2
o	Davangere	0	0	2
P	Mysuru	2	3	4
Q	Raichur	0	0	1
R	Shivamoga	4	0	4
S	Mandya	1	0	1
T	Tumakuru	0	0	3
U	Chikmagalur	3	0	3
Total		48	19	197

Today's Updates

- 1) Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka had a Video Conference with Deputy Commissioners, Superintendent of Police of all districts along with DG & IGP and senior officers of State on 24.03.2020 at 9am. He has reviewed the situation across the state and given suitable instructions for containment of COVID-19.
- 2) Instructions given to stamp the back of left palm using indelible ink to ensure quarantine of primary and secondary contacts of COVID-19 positive cases.
- 3) To take strict measures for controlling and containing COVID-19 – order has been issued to put up home quarantine notices on doors of residences of home quarantines.
- 4) In the light of COVID-19 virus instructions have been issued that barring the following state level department offices including secretariat and offices in the districts providing essential services 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 Energy, the group B, C & D officers and employees are exempted to attend office works from 24.03.2020 to 31.03.2020. The exempted officers / staff should remain in Head Quarters. The department secretary / Head of the respective department can take decision in respect of exemption to be given to officer / employee.

- 5) 50 home quarantine enforcement squads has been given standard operating procedures and personal protection equipment. They are linked to the health helpline and police helpline numbers. As and when complaints are received from the neighbours / general population about the person / contact who has been stamped but violated the home quarantine guidelines and found freely roaming in the locality /shops and hotels will be approached by the squad and the said person will be apprehended. He will be immediately taken to the area police station and FIR will be lodged by the Ayush doctor of the team and will be taken to the nearest mass quarantine facility.
- 6) So far 3 persons, who violated the home quarantine advise have been apprehended and isolated. The details are as follows:
 - a) One home quarantined lady roaming around in Lakshmiddevamma Block.
 - b) Two Australia returned persons from Ulsoor Main Channel road have been escorted to the designated home quarantine facility.
- 7) 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 the department has arranged for mental health counseling of such patients and contacts and so far 6898 number of counseling sessions have been held.
- 8) Till 23.03.2020 only 9 districts of the state viz. Belgaum, Gulbarga, Dharwad, Chikballapura, Bengaluru Urban, Bangalore Rural, Mysore, Kodagu and Dakshina Kannada were notified to close all the business and production establishment except the listed essential services. In view of the increasing trend of corona virus cases the government of Karnataka by its order No. HFW 54 CGM 2020 dated 23.03.2020 has issued notification closing down all the business and commercial establishments in the entire state of Karnataka which includes 30 districts and BBMP area except the exhaustively listed essential services which will continue to function. The order of shutdown will be enforce from 00.00 hours of 23.3.2020 to 01.04.2020.

Arogya Sahayavani (104, 080-46848600, 66692000)

210 lines have been reserved for receiving calls of COVID-19 on 23.03.2020 calls 27,611 have been received and around 89,311 **calls** have outgone along with 683 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 **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>