



**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 **197 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 55 COVID-19 positive cases have been confirmed
in the state which includes 2 deaths & 3 discharged”**

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

Four new cases have been confirmed in the state of Karnataka and the brief descriptions of the cases are follows:

- P52: 35 year old male, resident of Mysuru. As per present history the case has no travel history and contact history, however, he was with quality assurance section of a pharmaceutical company ,Nanjangud and has been in contact with many health care professionals. The case is isolated at designated hospital in Mysuru. The detailed investigation is under process. 7 Primary contacts have been traced and are under house quarantine.
- P53: 70 year old female, resident of Chikkaballapura District had a history of travel to Mecca, Saudi Arabia and arrived to India on 14th March 2020. The patient died on 24.03.2020 at designated hospital in Bengaluru. The funeral rites have been done with all the precautionary measures as per the guidelines issued by GoI for COVID-19 suspect deaths.
- P54: 64 year old male, resident of Anantapura, Andhra Pradesh State, had a history of travel to France and arrived to India on 1st March 2020 and later the case had travelled to Himachal Pradesh, Puttaparthi and arrived Bengaluru on 21st March 2020. The case is isolated and treated at designated hospital, Bengaluru Rural District.
- P55: 45 year old male, resident of Bengaluru, and contact of P25 (security guard). The case is isolated at designated hospital in Bengaluru.

Karnataka District wise update				
Sl. No	District	Total confirmed cases	cured / discharged	Death
1	Bengaluru	35	3	1
2	Kalburgi	3	0	1
3	Kodagu	1	0	0
4	Chikkaballapura	3	0	0
5	Mysore	3	0	0
6	Dharwad	1	0	0
7	Dakshina kannada	5	0	0
8	Uttarakannada	2	0	0
9	Davangere	1	0	0
10	Udupi	1	0	0
Total		55	3	2

Contact tracing has been initiated for all the cases.

Note: Out of 55 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.

P53 patient resident of Chikkaballapur district was hospitalized at Bengaluru and died in Bengaluru, hence considered against Bengaluru.

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

Till date **1,28,046 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 8.30am)
2. Mangalore International airport – 31,917 passengers cumulative.
3. Also, 6166 (cumulative) passengers have been screened at Mangalore and Karwar seaports. On 25th March 46 individuals were screened.

ABSTRACT			
	ACTIVITIES	Today	CUMULATIVE
A	Persons Enrolled For Observation	820	14066
B	Persons In Isolation At Health Facilities	36	172
C	Total samples collected for Testing	293	2731
D	Total samples reported as negative	190	2432
E	Total Samples Positive for COVID-19	4	55

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
1	Bengaluru (RGICD)	0	0	6
2	Bengaluru (Identified Hospitals)	6	20	35
3	Dakshina Kannada	3	5	32
4	Ballari	0	0	3
5	Kalaburagi	5	0	19
6	Kodagu	0	0	1
7	Udupi	5	0	12
8	Bidar	1	2	1
9	Gadag	1	7	11
10	Uttara Kannada	6	0	15
11	Dharwad	0	2	2
12	Hassan	1	0	3
13	Chamarajanagar	0	2	0
14	Chitradurga	0	0	4
15	Davangere	0	0	5
16	Mysuru	1	0	7
17	Raichur	0	1	0
18	Shivamoga	0	1	4
19	Mandya	0	0	1
20	Tumakuru	7	0	8
21	Chikmagalur	0	2	0
22	Chikkaballapur	0	0	3
Total		36	42	172

Today's Updates

- 1) Order has been issued by Government of Karnataka allowing all Registered Medical Practitioners (RMPs) to practice Tele-medicine consultation with certain restrictions. The guidelines for Tele-Medicine consultation is published in website: <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/telemedicine.pdf>.
- 2) Government of Karnataka has directed all Deputy Commissioners, Commissioners of District, Commissioner BBMP/ Joint Commissioners of BBMP, Commissioners of Municipal Corporations, District Deputy Commissioners of Police to take strict action against land lords or house owners forcing doctors / paramedical staff / health care personnel to vacate their houses under the Karnataka Epidemic Disease (Covid-19) regulations 2020.
- 3) Meeting of State Disaster Management Authorities under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary was held at 3.00pm on 25.03.2020. Decisions were taken to improve the availability and mobility of essential commodities and services and to improve social distancing measures.

- 4) Corona Watch mobile application can be downloaded from 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.
- 5) Home Quarantine Enforcement squad have quarantined 42 persons yesterday based on the complaints received from public & totally till date 52 have been Quarantined.
- 6) 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 and so far 9111 number of counseling sessions have been held.
- 7) **P-36 travelled in S3 coach, Lower Berth in Mangalore express from Mumbai which departed on 17.03.2020 and arrived in Batkal on 18.03.2020. Any passengers who travelled in the same coach may please contact the helpline numbers 104, 080-46848600 or 080-66692000.**
- 8) Any COVID 19 queries please contact helpline numbers 104 Arogya Sahayavani.

Arogya Sahayavani (104, 080-46848600, 66692000)

210 lines have been reserved for receiving calls of COVID-19 on 25.03.2020 calls 21,417 have been received and around 50,761 calls have outgone along with 73 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>
