



**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 **200 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 64 COVID-19 positive cases have been confirmed
in the state which includes 3 deaths & 5 discharges”**

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

Nine new cases have been confirmed in the state of Karnataka from 26.03.2020 5.00pm to 27.03.2020 2.00pm and the brief descriptions of the cases are follows:

- P56: 10 month old male child, from Dakshina Kannada has no history of travel to COVID-19 affected countries and isolated at designated hospital, Dakshina Kannada. As per the preliminary investigation the child was taken to Kerala / near Kerala boarder by their family members. The detailed investigation is under process and 6 Primary contacts have been traced and are under house quarantine.
- P57: 20 year old male, resident of Bengaluru had a history of travel to Colombo and arrived to India on 15th March 2020. The case is isolated at designated hospital in Bengaluru.
- P58: 25 year old Female, resident of Bengaluru had a history of travel to London and arrived to India on 18th March 2020. The case is isolated at designated hospital in Bengaluru.
- P59: 35 year old Female, resident of Bengaluru, and contact of P25 (House Maid). The case is isolated at designated hospital in Bengaluru.
- P60: 60 year old Male, resident of Tumkur District had a history of travel to Delhi by train on 13th March 2020. Patient died on 27.03.2020 morning at designated hospital in Tumkur. 24 high risk primary contacts have been traced of which 13 are isolated in designated hospital. 8 tested negative and 3 are health care professionals who are house quarantined.
- P61: 33 year old Female, resident of Bengaluru, and contact of P25 (House Maid). The case is isolated at designated hospital in Bengaluru.
- P62: 22 year old Male, resident of Uttara Kannada had a history of travel to Dubai. The case is isolated at designated hospital in Uttara Kannada.

- P63: 18 year old male resident of Davangere had a history of travel to Paris and arrived in India on 18.3.2020. The case is isolated in designated hospital in Davangere.
- P64: 21 year old male resident of Dakshina Kannada had a history of travel to Dubai and landed in Bengaluru on 22.3.2020. The case is isolated in designated hospital in Dakshina Kannada.

Karnataka District wise update				
Sl. No	District	Total confirmed cases	cured / discharged	Death
1	Bengaluru	39	5*	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	7	0	0
8	Uttarakannada	3	0	0
9	Davangere	2	0	0
10	Udupi	1	0	0
11	Tumkur	1	0	1
Total		64	5	3

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

Contact tracing has been initiated for all the cases.

Note: Out of 64 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.

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

Till date **1,28,110 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, 6230 (cumulative) passengers have been screened at Mangalore and Karwar seaports. On 26th March 64 individuals were screened.

ABSTRACT			
	ACTIVITIES	Today	CUMULATIVE
A	Persons Enrolled For Observation	633	14115
B	Persons In Isolation At Health Facilities	12	166
C	Total samples collected for Testing	237	2838
D	Total samples reported as negative	150	2563
E	Total Samples Positive for COVID-19	9	64

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)	8	15	33
3	Dakshina Kannada	0	5	30
4	Ballari	0	0	3
5	Kalaburagi	0	0	19
6	Kodagu	0	0	1
7	Udupi	2	0	10
8	Bidar	0	0	1
9	Gadag	0	0	11
10	Uttara Kannada	0	0	15
11	Dharwad	0	0	2
12	Hassan	0	0	3
13	Chitradurga	0	0	4
14	Davangere	0	0	5
15	Mysuru	0	0	7
16	Shivamoga	0	0	4
17	Mandya	0	1	1
18	Tumkuru	2	0	8
19	Chikmagalur	0	2	0
20	Chikkaballapur	0	0	3
Total		12	23	166

Today's Updates

- 1) A Video Conference was conducted under the Chairmanship of Hon. Chief Minister on 26.03.2020 with all the Senior officials of the districts to analyze the current situation and implementation of Government of India guidelines for containment of COVID-19.
- 2) A Task Force meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Health Minister to review the COVID-19 situation and preparedness to handle any adversities.
- 3) A meeting of Senior Officers of the state was conducted at Vidhana Soudha today wherein formation of 1000 contact tracing teams, training and operational issues in BBMP area were discussed.
- 4) A circular for stoppage of issue of AB ArK card until 30.04.2020 in view of COVID-19 has been issued on 27.03.2020 by Health Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare Services.
- 5) The list of details of mode of transport used by all positive cases in Karnataka has been published in the department website <https://karunadu.karnataka.gov.in/hfw> and social media pages. So any person who has travelled in these modes on that particular day may please contact helpline numbers - 104, 080-46848600 & 66692000.

- 6) A letter has been issued by Director, Health & Family Welfare Services to State Drug Controller not to provide medications like Chloroquine / Hydroxy Chloroquine to the customers without valid prescriptions, to provide free home delivery of medicines to the needy patients in the local areas and to provide hand sanitizers, masks, PPE to the home isolated patients and their care givers on priority and for the staff working for COVID-19 avoiding surge in prices.
- 7) From 25.03.2020 to till date 84 Primary contacts, 150 Secondary contacts and 19869 passengers with travel history have been stamped on the back of left palm using indelible ink to ensure quarantine.
- 8) Government of Karnataka (Police Department) has allowed e-commerce retailers/ operators and online delivery services to operate, provided they obtain passes for vehicle and persons from any of the 8 Deputy Commissioners of Police (L&O) in the Bengaluru city(No.02/CP-BLR/Covid-19/2020).
- 9) Government of Karnataka, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare Services has published an advisory for travellers and family members who get discharged from quarantine centers.
- 10) Government of India has issued a circular related to travel & Visa restrictions related to COVID-19 (No.4/1/2020-IR dated 26.3.2020). It has been decided that all scheduled International Commercial Passenger services shall remain closed till 18.30hrs GMT of April 14, 2020. However, this restriction will not apply to international all – Cargo operations and flights specifically approved by DGCA.
- 11) Finance Minister of India under Government of India has announced Rs.1.70 lakh crore relief package under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana for poor to help them to fight the battle against Corona Virus (<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/MoFPMGaribKalyanYojanaPackage.pdf>)
- 12) ICMR, MOHFW proposed that individuals above 60 years who are currently quarantined in Government camps, should be tested for COVID-19 infection after 7 days post-return and are to be released from quarantine *only if* the test is *negative* and are *asymptomatic*. They may be advised to remain in home quarantine at least for the next 7 days under monitoring and contact designated health facility in case of symptoms.
- 13) Home Quarantine Enforcement squad have quarantined **28** persons yesterday based on the complaints received from public & totally till date **80** have been Quarantined.
- 14) 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 **10248** number of counseling sessions have been held.
- 15) **P-60 travelled in Congo Express train from Delhi which departed on 11.03.2020 and arrived in Yeshwanthpur on 14.03.2020, 12.30am. From Yeshwanthpur he took a KSRTC bus to reach Sira, Tumkur early morning. Any passengers who travelled in the same train and bus may please contact the helpline numbers 104, 080-46848600, 66692000.**

- 16) P-63 boarded flight No.EY32 from Paris to Abudhabi on 17.03.2020 and from Abhudhabi boarded EY216 to reach Bengaluru Airport on 18.03.2020 morning. From Bengaluru Airport he boarded Vaayu Vajra Bus to reach majestic at 8.00am on 18.3.2020. He boarded a Rajahamsa bus from Majestic at 10.00am to reach Davangere at 4.00pm the same day. Any passengers who travelled in the same flight and bus may please contact the helpline numbers 104, 080-46848600, 66692000.
- 17) 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.
- 18) 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 26.03.2020 calls 25,793 have been received and around 47,374 calls have outgone along with 128 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>
