



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



NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

MEDIA BULLETIN

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Situation till: 4:00 PM today

World Health Organization has declared the recent Novel Coronavirus, COVID-19 as **Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)** which has affected **134 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 Six COVID-19 positive cases have been reported in Karnataka state including one death”

Five COVID-19 positive patients are in isolation at designated hospital in Bengaluru and are stable.

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

ABSTRACT		Date:15.03.2020	
	ACTIVITIES	Today	CUMULATIVE
A	Persons Enrolled For Observation	220	1877
B	Persons who have completed 28 days observation period	9	322
C	Persons in Home Quarantine	189	1495
D	Persons In Isolation At Health Facilities	31	56
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	131	862
G	Total samples reported as negative	19	609
H	Total Samples Positive for COVID-19	0	6

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)	4	3	8
B	Bengaluru (Identified Hospitals)	9	0	11
C	Hassan	0	8	0
D	Dakshina Kannada	9	0	16
E	Ballari	4	0	6
F	Chikkamagaluru	0	1	1
G	Kalaburagi	0	0	4
H	Kodagu	0	0	1
I	Udupi	0	0	2
J	Bidar	0	0	2
K	Vijayapura	2	0	2
L	Gadag	2	0	2
M	Dharwad	1	0	1
Total		31	12	56

Till date **1,11,885 passengers** have been screened in Karnataka. The details of points of entry are as follows.

1. KIA Airport Bengaluru –78,106 passengers cumulative (2,376 Screened yesterday)
2. Mangalore International airport–28,321 passengers cumulative. (358 Screened yesterday)
3. Also, 5,458 passengers have been screened at Mangalore and Karwar seaports.

104 Arogya Sahayavani (Toll Free Health-Helpline Call centre) has reserved 40 lines for receiving calls for COVID-19. Till date, 23,110 **calls** have been received for whom necessary guidance has been provided (2,199 calls received yesterday). Further 10 lines have been reserved for out-going calls where the employees of IT/BT and other companies who have returned from COVID-19 countries are being contacted regarding their health status.

TODAY'S UPDATES:

- Briefing to Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court on COVID-19 situation and necessary precautions to be taken was done.
- In Kalaburagi City monitoring of contacts of P6 (Positive case) is being carried out and community monitoring in 3 KM radius containment zone and another 5 KM buffer zone passive surveillance, IEC is being done. 56 Primary contacts and 400 secondary contacts have been identified and they are house quarantined for 14days. 7 members of the family are isolated at District Hospital, Kalaburgi.
- Additional Health check up desks at Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru are being established to facilitate easy check up for International passengers
- Meeting held today with police commissioner Bengaluru on COVID-19
- A meeting held with the Commissioner BBMP and health officials regarding implementing all measures to prevent and control the COVID-19.

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/nCov-iec.aspx>