



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



**NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

**MEDIA BULLETIN**

**DATED: 22/03/2020**

**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 **184 countries/territories** including India till date. WHO has characterized COVID-19 as a **Pandemic** on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

In this context, Karnataka state has strengthened all surveillance and containment measures against the possible spread of disease.

**“Till date 26 COVID-19 positive cases have been confirmed in the state which includes one death”**

***INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS LANDED YESTERDAY  
AT KIAL, BENGALURU 1406 IN 11 FLIGHTS***

- Twenty four COVID-19 positive patients are in isolation at designated hospitals and are stable.
- Details of 6 new confirmed COVID-19 cases as below:

**Patient 21:** A 35 year male patient from Dharwad has tested positive for COVID-19 today. He had travelled from Dubai via Goa to Dharwad on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

**(No. of contacts traced - Primary 4)**

**Patient 22:** 22, A female 64 year old is tested positive for COVID-19 today. She had travelled from Mecca, Saudi Arabia along with her son (**patient 19**) to Gowribidanur, Chikballapur District on 14.03.2020 via Hyderabad to Hindupura by train and from Hindupura reached Gowribidanur on 15<sup>th</sup> March by bus.

**(No. of contacts traced - Primary 4)**

**Patient 23:** 36 years Female from Bengaluru had travelled to Switzerland and France returned on 09.03.2020 is being treated at designated hospital.

**Patient 24:** 27 years male from Bengaluru had travelled to Germany on 08.02.2020 and returned on 14.03.2020 is being treated at designated hospital.

**(No. of contacts traced - Primary 14 & Secondary 237)**

**Patient 25:** 51 years male from Bengaluru had travelled to London returned on 13.03.2020 is being treated at designated hospital.

**(No. of contacts traced - Primary 6 & Secondary 10)**

**Patient 26:** 22 year male arrived from spicejet SG60 seat No.21C on 19.03.2020 at 5.40pm from Dubai, resident of Bhatkal, Uttara Kannada and isolated at Mangaluru and directly taken to Wenlock hospital on same day.

Karnataka District wise update				
Sl. No.	District	Total confir med cases	cured/ discharged	Death
1	Bengaluru	17	1	0
2	Kalburgi	3	0	1
3	Kodagu	1	0	0
4	Chikkaballapura	2	0	0
5	Mysore	1	0	0
6	Dharwad	1	0	0
7	Uttarkannada	1	0	0
Total		26	1	1

Contact tracing has been initiated for all the cases.

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

Till date **1,27,609 passengers** have been screened in Karnataka. The details of points of entry are as follows:

1. KIA Airport Bengaluru –89,774 passengers cumulative (1406 Screened yesterday).

**Total international passengers landed & screened in KIAL, Bengaluru between 21.03.2020 to 22.03.2020 8am is 1406 out of which 5 were isolated and 1401 were quarantined.**

**Total international passengers landed & screened in KIAL, Bengaluru between 17.03.2020 to 21.03.2020 is 7998.**

2. Mangalore International airport–31,917 passengers cumulative (271 Screened yesterday).
3. Also, 5,918 passengers have been screened at Mangalore and Karwar seaports .

ABSTRACT		Date:22.03.2020	
	ACTIVITIES	Today	CUMULATIVE
A	Persons Enrolled For Observation	1406	10219
B	Persons who have completed 28 days observation period	304	1660
C	Persons in Home Quarantine	470	3390
D	Persons In Isolation At Health Facilities	38	135
E	Persons who left the Country (Chinese nationals - returned back to China on 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020)	0	4
F	Total samples collected for Testing	10	1387
G	Total samples reported as negative	112	1108
H	Total Samples Positive for COVID-19	6	26

**Details of persons isolated at selected isolation facilities:**

<b>Details of Isolated persons in the Designated Hospitals</b>				
	<b>Name of the District</b>	<b>Today's New Admissions</b>	<b>Today Discharged</b>	<b>Total Isolated</b>
A	<b>Bengaluru (RGICD)</b>	0	0	8
B	<b>Bengaluru (Identified Hospitals)</b>	12	18	22
C	<b>Dakshina Kannada</b>	5	4	19
D	<b>Ballari</b>	0	0	2
E	<b>Kalaburagi</b>	0	0	8
F	<b>Kodagu</b>	0	0	5
G	<b>Udupi</b>	0	0	15
H	<b>Bidar</b>	1	0	5
I	<b>Gadag</b>	0	0	4
J	<b>Uttara Kannada</b>	5	0	0
K	<b>Dharwad</b>	2	0	4
L	<b>Hassan</b>	1	0	3
M	<b>Chamarajanagar</b>	0	0	3
N	<b>Chitradurga</b>	0	0	2
o	<b>Davangere</b>	4	6	9
P	<b>Kolar</b>	2	0	2
Q	<b>Mysuru</b>	1	0	1
R	<b>Raichur</b>	1	0	4
S	<b>Shivamoga</b>	4	0	4
T	<b>Mandya</b>	0	0	2
U	<b>Tumakuru</b>	0	0	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>135</b>

**Today's Updates**

The Honorable Chief Minister of Karnataka has given the following directions in the interest of public health and to contain the spread of COVID-19 infections on war footing basis and be prepared for further eventualities.

- 1) Victoria Hospital with all its annexes having 1700 beds has been directed to be converted into special hospital regarding COVID-19. Government will support the shifting of all the in patients who are undergoing treatment presently in victoria hospital to other places.
- 2) The borders of Karnataka will be sealed completely.

- 3) All examinations including SSLC exam will be postponed till further orders.
- 4) Increase the lab facilities for testing the COVID-19 disease virus immediately.
- 5) All symptomatic & asymptomatic contacts who are with the confirmed cases of COVID-19 will be subjected to medical examination.
- 6) Facilities will be equipped and the capacity improved immediately, so that for every 10 lakhs population minimum 200 tests can be conducted.
- 7) With the help of ICMR and NIV as many as government hospitals and private hospitals will be recognized for COVID-19 testing.
- 8) A COVID-19 task force under the guidance of senior cabinet ministers and composing of senior IAS officers has already been constituted to mount an intensive monitoring of all the COVID-19 control measures in the state and it is already started functioning.
- 9) Until further order all elections will be postponed.
- 10) It has been decided to screen the domestic air passengers also along with the international passengers henceforth.
- 11) The Task force working for control of COVID-19 at district level should actively consider the suggestions given by the experienced specialist doctors in the district.
- 12) The Balabrooie guest house will be converted into COVID-19 war room. All the containment measures being implemented in the districts will be controlled and monitored by this Balabrooie centre. The Honorable Chief Minister himself personally lead this activity. The war room will function all the 24 hours of the day. The meetings, briefings connected with COVID-19 will be held by the task force in this centre.
- 13) 50 home quarantine enforcement team have been constituted in Bengaluru with an ambulance one Ayush Doctor, one police personnel with wireless set. The state has been received complaints that the home quarantined persons without following the guidelines are freely roaming around within the city risking the healthy people with the possible spread of COVID -19 virus. The team on receiving information from phone no.100/104 will immediately reach the spot and identify the person, make enquiries and take him to the nearest police station and lodge a complaint. The complaint will be lodged by Ayush Doctor. After that the person will be taken to the nearest identified mass quarantine centre for 14 days until he is certified by the doctors as non-infective.

**Arogya Sahayavani (104, 080-46848600, 66692000)**

210 lines have been reserved for receiving calls of COVID-19 on 21.03.2020 calls 29,892 have been received and till date around 51,382 calls have been received along with manual calls (secondary follow up) has been done for 199 calls, 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>