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Daily report on Public Health measures taken for

COVID-19 Infection prevention and control

WHO has declared the recent COVID-19 epidemic affecting 54 countries as Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). In this context, Government of Tamil Nadu has strengthened the surveillance and control measures against the disease, as per the national guidelines.

All passengers from all flights from China, Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, Japan, South Korea, Nepal, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Iran and Italy are screened universally through thermal screening. All over India the screening is carried out in 22 airports. In Tamil Nadu, till date 87004 passengers are screened at the Airports of Chennai, Trichy, Madurai, and Coimbatore. 1559 passengers are under home quarantine for 28 days.

Till now 49 samples have been taken from the passengers and sent for testing at King Institute of Preventive Medicine, Guindy Chennai (45), National Institute of Virology, Pune (4). The samples of all 49 passengers are processed and negative for COVID-19 infection. The health status of the passengers under observation in home and hospital are stable.

In the background of the present COVID-19 epidemic, the general public are advised to adhere to health advisories issued by the state Government. Public should follow the cough etiquette by covering the face using handkerchief / towel while sneezing / coughing. Do frequent hand-washing with soap and water.

The public are advised to refrain from travelling to Republic of Korea, Italy, Iran besides China. All those who have arrived with travel history to China should remain under strict home quarantine or hospital isolation for 28 days from the date of arrival in India.

**District Wise Report of passengers on follow-up for 28-day period for novel
COVID-19 infection**

Sl.No	District	Feb (2-19)	20-Feb	21- Feb	22- Feb	23- Feb	24- Feb	25- Feb	26- Feb	27- Feb	28- Feb	29- Feb	Total
1	Ariyalur	10											10
2	Chennai	316	2	3	28		29	11	6		53	21	469
3	Coimbatore	26		1	5	9	8		3	11	2	4	69
4	Cuddalore	10	2								1		13
5	Dharmapuri	11											11
6	Dindigul	23										1	24
7	Erode	22				1		2					25
8	Kancheepuram	55			3		11				10	7	86
9	Kanyakumari	16		1						6	1		24
10	Karur	8									3		11
11	Krishnagiri	2									2		4
12	Madurai	41			4		2	2				1	50
13	Nagapattinam	50	1		1	1		1			1	1	56
14	Namakkal	14							1		6	1	22
15	Nilgris	3											3
16	Perambalur	10											10
17	Pudukottai	64		1			1		1		1		68
18	Ramanathapuram	132	1	2	2	2			1		1		141
19	Salem	20	2					1			6	4	33
20	Sivaganga	47		2	5								54
21	Thanjavur	48		1		1	2				9		61
22	Theni	8										2	10
23	Thiruvallur	22			2		6	1					31
24	Thiruvarur	30		2			1						33
25	Thoothukudi	27			2	2	4	1		4	4	1	45
26	Tiruchirapalli	70			1	3		1	1			3	79
27	Tirunelveli	15	2							6			23
28	Tiruppur	15					3				1		19
29	Tiruvannamalai	9						1		1	2		13
30	Vellore	12					2				3		17
31	Villupuram	14			1		3						18
32	Virudhunagar	27											27
	Total	1177	10	13	54	19	72	21	13	28	106	46	1559