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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 65 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 94238 passengers are screened at the Airports of Chennai, Trichy, Madurai, and Coimbatore. 1367 passengers are under home quarantine for 28 days

Till now 50 samples have been taken from the passengers and sent for testing at King Institute of Preventive Medicine, Guindy Chennai (46), National Institute of Virology, Pune (4). The samples of all 50 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 (4-21)	22-Feb	23-Feb	24-Feb	25-Feb	26-Feb	27-Feb	28-Feb	29-Feb	1-Mar	2-Mar	Total
1	Ariyalur	9											9
2	Chennai	273	28		29	11	6		50	21	24	4	446
3	Coimbatore	20	5	9	8		3	11	2	1		2	61
4	Cuddalore	10							1		1	1	13
5	Dharmapuri	10											10
6	Dindigul	19								1	3		23
7	Erode	17		1		2				1			21
8	Kancheepuram	47	3		11				11	7	2	2	83
9	Kanyakumari	6						6	1		1		14
10	Karur	5							3				8
11	Krishnagiri	2							2				4
12	Madurai	35	4		2	2				1	1		45
13	Nagapattinam	45	1	1		1			1	1	4		54
14	Namakkal	10					1		6	2			19
15	Nilgris	1									1		2
16	Perambalur	6											6
17	Pudukottai	42			1		1		1				45
18	Ramanathapuram	98	2	2			1		1				104
19	Salem	17				1			6	4	1	1	30
20	Sivaganga	37	5									1	43
21	Thanjavur	27		1	2				9				39
22	Theni	6								2	1		9
23	Thiruvallur	16	1		6	1					1		25
24	Thiruvarur	24			1					1	1		27
25	Thoothukudi	26	2	2	4	1		4	4	1	1	12	57
26	Tiruchirapalli	53	1	3		1	1			3	6	3	71
27	Tirunelveli	15						6			1		22
28	Tiruppur	13			3					1	1		18
29	Tiruvannamalai	7				1		1	2		1		12
30	Vellore	6			2				3		1		12
31	Villupuram	9	1		3								13
32	Virudhunagar	21									1		22
	Total	932	53	19	72	21	13	28	104	46	53	26	1367

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