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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 77 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 96729 passengers are screened at the Airports of Chennai, Trichy, Madurai, and Coimbatore. 1292 passengers are under home quarantine for 28 days and 5 are under hospital quarantine.

Till now 54 samples have been taken from the passengers and sent for testing at King Institute of Preventive Medicine, Guindy Chennai (50), National Institute of Virology, Pune (4). The samples of all 54 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 handwashing with soap and water.

The public are advised to refrain from travelling to Republic of Korea, Japan, 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

CI NI		Feb	22	24	25	26	27	20	20		2		
Sl.No	District	(4- 21)	23- Feb	24- Feb	25- Feb	26- Feb	27- Feb	28- Feb	29- Feb	1- Mar	2- Mar	3- Mar	Total
1	Ariyalur	7	reb	reb	ren	reb	reb	ren	ren	IVIAI	IVIAI	IVIAI	7
2	Chengalpattu	37		10							1		48
3	Chennai	256		29	11	6		49	21	23	4	27	426
4	Coimbatore	256	9	8	11	3	11	2	1	23	2	4	65
5	Cuddalore	8	9	0		3	11	1	1	1	1	3	14
6		5						1			т_	3	5
7	Dharmapuri	17							1	3			21
8	Dindigul Erode	11	1		2				1	3			15
9	Kallakuruchi		1						1			2	3
10		1		1				10		3	1	12	41
	Kancheepuram	9		1				10	5		Т		
11	Kanyakumari	6					6	1		1		2	16
12	Karur	3						3					6
13	Krishnagiri	2											2
14	Madurai	26		2	2			_	1	1			32
15	Nagapattinam	44	1		1			1	1	4		10	62
16	Namakkal	9				1		6	2			5	23
17	Nilgris	0								1			1
18	Perambalur	6											6
19	Pudukottai	26		1		1		1				2	31
20	Ramanathapuram	87	2			1		1				1	92
21	Ranipet	1										4	5
22	Salem	15			1			6	4	1	1	6	34
23	Sivaganga	35									1		36
24	Tenkasi	5					6						11
25	Thanjavur	27	1	2				9				1	40
26	Theni	4							2			1	7
27	Thiruvallur	17		6	1			2	1	1		2	30
28	Thiruvarur	20		1					1	1		1	24
29	Thoothukudi	21	2	4	1		4	4	1	1	12	4	54
30	Tiruchirapalli	38	3		1	1			3	6	3	3	58
31	Tirunelveli	6								1		3	10
32	Tirupathur	0						2					2
33	Tiruppur	11		3				1		1		1	17
34	Tiruvannamalai	6			1		1	2		1		1	12
35	Vellore	3		2				3		1		1	10
36	Villupuram	4		3									7
37	Virudhunagar	16								1		2	19
	Total	814	19	72	21	13	28	104	45	52	26	98	1292