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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 89 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 the passengers from all the international flights are screened universally through thermal screening. All over India the screening is carried out in 30 airports. In Tamil Nadu, till date 113106 passengers are screened at the Airports of Chennai, Trichy, Madurai, and Coimbatore. 1077 passengers are under home quarantine for 28 days and 3 are under hospital quarantine.

Till now 60 samples have been taken from the passengers and sent for testing at King Institute of Preventive Medicine, Guindy Chennai (56), National Institute of Virology, Pune (4). The samples of 57 passengers are processed and 56 samples are negative, 1 sample positive for COVID-19 infection and 3 samples are under process.

The health status of the passengers under observation in home and hospital are stable. A 45 years old male passenger with travel history to Oman who tested positive for COVID-19 is also stable and under hospital observation. He will be discharged after two consecutive samples tested negative.

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.

People are advised to refrain from travelling to China, Iran, Republic of Korea, Italy & Japan and advised to avoid nonessential travel to other COVID-19 affected countries. All people coming from China, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, Iran and Italy or having such travel history 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

SI No		•	26-		28-	29-	01-		03-	04-	05-	06-	
31.140	Row Labels	25)	Feb	Feb	Feb	Feb	Mar	Mar	Mar	Mar	Mar	Mar	Total
1	Ariyalur	6											6
2	Chengalpattu	31				3			1				36
3	Chennai	218	6		49	21	22	5	23	13	11	4	372
4	Coimbatore	33	3	11	2	1		2	4		2		58
5	Cuddalore	7			1		1	1	3				13
6	Dharmapuri	1											1
7	Dindigul	5				1	3						9
8	Erode	8				1							9
9	Kallakuruchi	1							2				3
10	Kancheepuram	0			9	2	2	1	11	2		1	28
11	Kanyakumari	5		9	1		1		2	1	1		20
12	Karur	2			3								5
13	Krishnagiri	2											2
14	Madurai	22				1	1			1			25
15	Nagapattinam	34			1	1	4		10				50
16	Namakkal	2	1		6	2			5	5	1	3	25
17	Nilgris	0					1						1
18	Perambalur	3											3
19	Pudukottai	15	1		1				2		2		21
20	Ramanathapuram	55	1		1				1		2		60
21	Ranipet	1							4				5
22	Salem	10			6	4	1	1	6			1	29
23	Sivaganga	17						1					18
24	Tenkasi	3		3									6
25	Thanjavur	21			9				1	5	4	10	50
26	Theni	0				2			1				3
27	Thiruvallur	21			2	1	1		2	2			29
28	Thiruvarur	19				1	1		1		3	5	30
	Thoothukudi	21		4	4	1			7	1			53
30	Tiruchirapalli	29	1			3	6	3	3		2	2	49
31	Tirunelveli	3					1		3		1		8
32	Tirupathur	0			2								2
33	Tiruppur	6			1		1		1				9
34	Tiruvannamalai	1		1	2		1		1	1			7
35	Vellore	4			3		1		1	1			10
36	Villupuram	3								2			5
37	Virudhunagar	11					1		2	1		2	17
	Total	620	13	28	103	45	51	26	97	35	31	28	1077