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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 93 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 122318 passengers are screened at the Airports of Chennai, Trichy, Madurai, and Coimbatore. 1088 passengers are under home quarantine for 28 days and 3 are under hospital isolation.

Till now 68 samples have been taken from the passengers and sent for testing at King Institute of Preventive Medicine, Guindy Chennai and National Institute of Virology, Pune. The samples of 60 passengers are processed and 59 samples are negative, 8 are under process and 1 sample positive for COVID-19 infection.

The health status of the passengers under observation in home and hospital are stable. The 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 non- essential 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	Row Labels	Feb(09- 26)	27- Feb	28- Feb	29- Feb	01- Mar	02- Mar	03- Mar	04- Mar	05- Mar	06- Mar	7- Mar	Total
1	Ariyalur	5											5
2	Chengalpattu	31			3	1		1					36
3	Chennai	223		49	21	22	5	23	13	11	4	15	388
4	Coimbatore	36	11	2	1		2	4		2		2	60
5	Cuddalore	7		1		1	1	3					13
6	Dharmapuri	5			1	3							9
7	Dindigul	8			1								9
8	Erode	1						2					3
9	Kallakuruchi	0		9	2	2	1	11	2		1	3	31
10	Kancheepuram	4	9	1		1		2	1	1			19
11	Kanyakumari	2		3									5
12	Karur	2											2
13	Krishnagiri	22			1	1			1				25
14	Madurai	32		1	1	4		10					48
15	Nagapattinam	3		6	2			5	5	1	3		25
16	Namakkal	0				1							1
17	Nilgris	3											3
18	Perambalur	13		1				2		2			18
19	Pudukottai	51		1				1		2			55
20	Ramanathapuram	1						4					5
21	Ranipet	10		6	4	1	1	6			1		29
22	Salem	17					1						18
23	Sivaganga	2	3										5
24	Tenkasi	20		9				1	5	4	10	1	50
25	Thanjavur	0			2			1					3
26	Theni	21		2	1	1		2	2				29
27	Thiruvallur	19			1	1		1		3	5		30
28	Thiruvarur	20	4	4	1	1	12	7	1	2		1	53
29	Thoothukudi	27			3	6	3	3		2	2	5	51
30	Tiruchirapalli	3				1		3		1			8
31	Tirunelveli	0		2									2
32	Tirupathur	6		1		1		1					9
33	Tiruppur	1	1	2		1		1	1				7
34	Tiruvannamalai	4		3		1		1	1			2	12
35	Vellore	3							2			1	6
36	Villupuram	10				1		2	1		2	2	18
37	Dharmapuri	0											0
	Total	612	28	103	45	51	26	97	35	31	28	32	1088