



**State Control Room, Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine  
Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Tamil Nadu**

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*Report on Public Health measures taken for COVID-19 prevention and control*

WHO has declared COVID-19 affecting 173 countries as Pandemic. 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. In Tamil Nadu, till date 201672 passengers are screened at the Airports of Chennai, Trichy, Madurai, and Coimbatore. As on date, 8950 passengers are under home quarantine for 28 days. Currently, 221 asymptomatic passengers from highly affected countries are being quarantined in quarantine facilities near airport and 54 are under hospital isolation.

Till now 412 samples have been taken from the passengers and sent for testing at King Institute of Preventive Medicine & Research, Guindy Chennai, National Institute of Virology, Pune, Theni VRDL, Thiruvavur VRDL, Tirunelveli VRDL, RGGGH VDRL Coimbatore VRDL and Salem VRDL. The samples of 342 passengers are processed of which 339 samples are negative, 6 samples are positive for COVID-19 infection and 67 samples are under process.

A 20 years old passenger with travel history to Delhi and a 21 years old passenger with travel history to Ireland who tested positive for COVID-19 are stable and under observation in RGGGH, Chennai. 3 more positive cases have been reported with travel history to New Zealand and Thailand. All the patients are stable and are under treatment.

The general public are advised to adhere to health advisories and travel 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 strongly advised to refrain from travelling to China, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, Italy, Iran, France, Spain & Germany and strongly advised to avoid non- essential travel to other COVID-19 affected countries. All people coming from or having travel history with China, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, Italy, Iran, France, Spain, UAE, Qatar, Oman, Kuwait, Germany, Australia, USA and United Kingdom should remain under strict home quarantine or hospital isolation for 28 days from the date of arrival in India.

Further travel of passengers from members countries of the European union, Turkey, United Kingdom, Afghanistan, Philippines and Malaysia to India are banned till 31st March 2020. All international commercial passenger flights are cancelled from 22.03.2020 to 29.03.2020. District level disaster management control room are activated with contact number – 1077. Toll free number 1800-120555550.

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

Sl.No	District	Feb 22 - Mar 10	11-Mar	12-Mar	13-Mar	14-Mar	15-Mar	16-Mar	17-Mar	18-Mar	19-Mar	20-Mar	Total
1	Ariyalur	0			1	2		7	2	6	6	84	108
2	Chengalpattu	56	5	13	10	44	26	21					175
3	Chennai	291	13	57	101	171	95	148	130	113	251	1534	2904
4	Coimbatore	46	20	20	26	12	13	12	15	11	43	164	382
5	Cuddalore	13	2	3	13	19	5	16	10	21	36	207	345
6	Dharmapuri	1				3			2			19	25
7	Dindigul	7	1	2		2		1	1	7	6	29	56
8	Erode	11		1	1		4	2	6	5	10	33	73
9	Kallakurichi	2					1	2					5
10	Kancheepuram	67		4	2	7	3	10	23	11	25	96	248
11	Kanyakumari	14		1	2	34	2	10	14	13	35	311	436
12	Karur	5					1	3	2		5	29	45
13	Krishnagiri	1		1		3		2	3		3	40	53
14	Madurai	10	6	1	7	15	9	9	18		16	116	207
15	Nagapattinam	33		3	12	15	3	14	1		10	105	196
16	Namakkal	29	2	1		2	2	7	4		6	37	90
17	Nilgris	1			2			2				5	10
18	Perambalur	1				2		4	3		8	74	92
19	Pudukottai	12		3	7	10	1	30	7	41	53	173	337
20	Ramanathapuram	12	1	1	3	6	4	12	9	36	18	194	296
21	Ranipet	4		1									5
22	Salem	24	1	3	2	4	2	5	6	13	14	46	120
23	Sivaganga	9		1	4	7	9	19	5	45	48	224	371
24	Tenkasi	3				4					6	1	14
25	Thanjavur	48	2		2	27	9	31	19	46	48	281	513
26	Theni	5	1	3	1	2	4	5	4	5	2	26	58
27	Thiruvallur	27	1	1	7	12	14	13	15	2	6	44	142
28	Thiruvarur	20	3		2	9	1	15	2	22	25	150	249
29	Thoothukudi	45		3	3	11	1	1	4	6	10	90	174
30	Tiruchirapalli	49	3	6	5	13	6	19	13	33	38	177	362
31	Tirunelveli	12		2	1	14	5	5	12	18	23	139	231
32	Tirupathur	2				2							4
33	Tiruppur	10	7	1		3	2	1	5	1	3	26	59
34	Tiruvannamalai	9			4	5	3	3	7	7	4	35	77
35	Vellore	18		4	11	17	5	14	17	10	16	95	207
36	Villupuram	6	2		6	4	11	10	2	8	11	104	164
37	Virudhunagar	17		2		4	6	3	3	17	7	58	117
	<b>Total</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>4746</b>	<b>8950</b>

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