

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Situation Update Report – 7

March 14, 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- On 11 March, WHO declared the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) outbreak as a pandemic (*an epidemic that has spread worldwide affecting a large number of people*).
- On the same day, per the direction of the Prime Minister of India, a high-level Group of Ministers (GOM) was constituted to review, monitor and evaluate the preparedness and measures taken regarding management of COVID-19 in the country.
- Government of India has invoked powers under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 to enhance preparedness and containment of the virus and declared COVID-19 a 'notified disaster' under the Disaster Management Act 2005.
- Community surveillance, quarantine, isolation wards, adequate PPEs, trained manpower, rapid response teams for COVID-19 are being strengthened further in all States and UTs.
- All incoming travelers, including Indian nationals, arriving from or having visited China, Italy, Iran, Republic of Korea, France, Spain and Germany after 15 February 2020 will be quarantined for a minimum period of 14 days, in effect from 13 March 2020 at the port of departure.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

India

84 Confirmed

2 Deaths

13 States/UTs

Globally

132 758 confirmed

4955 deaths

122 countries/territories

China

80 991 confirmed

3180 deaths

Outside of China

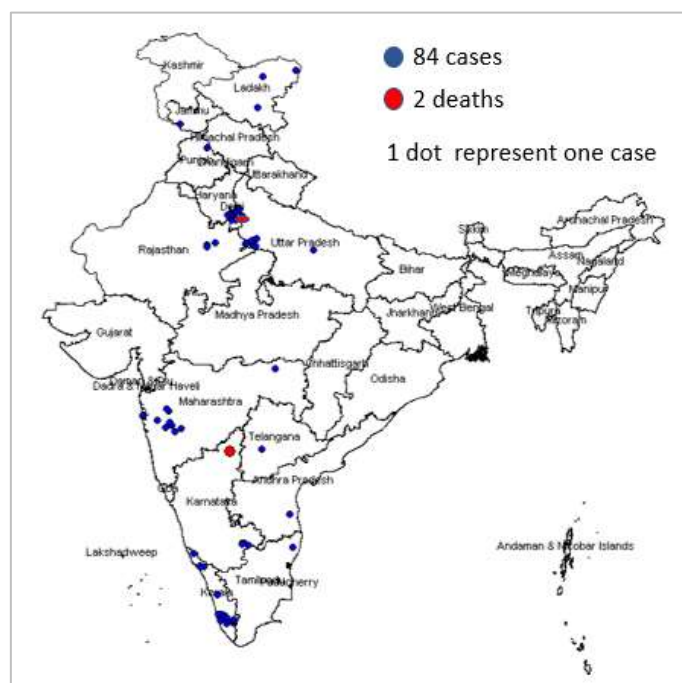
51 767 confirmed

1775 deaths

INDIA SITUATION

As on 14 March (05:00 PM), a total of 84 cases of COVID-19 have been reported in India (67 Indian nationals and 17 foreign nationals*; and of the total 10 were cured and 2 deaths reported).

So far, cases of COVID-19 have been reported from 13 States/UTs - Andhra Pradesh (1 case), Delhi (7 cases), Haryana (14 cases), Jammu & Kashmir (2 cases), Karnataka (6 cases), Kerala (19 cases), Ladakh (3 cases), Maharashtra (14 cases), Punjab (1 case), Rajasthan (3 cases), Telangana (1 case), Tamil Nadu (1 case) and Uttar Pradesh (12 cases)



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Death was reported in a 76-year-old male from Karnataka and 68-year-old female from Delhi, both with co-morbidities. Hospital isolation of all confirmed cases, tracing and home quarantine of the contacts are ongoing.

The Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) and Cabinet Secretary are closely monitoring the situation. All the states and UTs of India have been advised to invoke the provisions under Section 2 of the Epidemic Disease Act 1897, which includes special measures to be taken by the Centre to “prescribe regulations as to dangerous epidemic disease.”

The government has declared the COVID-19 outbreak in the country a "notified disaster", in a move called "a special one-time dispensation", to provide compensation and aid to infected people and the families of those who died due to the virus. Funds for this and other measures will be drawn from the Disaster Response Funds of each state (SDRF).

Travel Advisories had been issued by MoHFW from time to time. The following consolidated advisory is presently issued.

- Starting from 13 March 2020, all existing visas, except diplomatic, official, UN/International Organizations, employment, project visas, stand suspended until 15 April 2020.
- All incoming travelers, including Indian nationals, arriving from or having visited China, Italy, Iran, Republic of Korea, France, Spain and Germany after 15 February 2020 will be quarantined for a minimum period of 14 days, with effect from 1200 GMT on 13 March 2020 at the port of departure.
- All passenger movement for foreigners through all Immigration Land Check Posts at Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and Myanmar border will be suspended from March 15, 2020 with few exceptions (Nepalese and Bhutanese nationals)
- All international passengers entering India are now required to furnish duly filled self-declaration form and undergo universal health screening at the designated counters at all points of entry.
- To date, total 11,71,061 passengers have been screened from 10,876 flights at 30 designated airports. 3,062 passengers and 583 contacts were identified and referred to IDSP/ designated hospitals. 42,296 passengers have been brought under community surveillance, out of which 2,559 were symptomatic and 522 hospitalized.

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Through integrated disease surveillance system, a total of 28,529 persons are being monitored under community surveillance. Laboratory capacities are being strengthened for timely detection and potential isolation of cases. All states are on high alert, for early detection and management of any further cases. As of 14 March, there are 52 laboratories identified by the Indian Council of Medical Research, for testing of COVID-19. A total of 57 laboratories have been identified to support sample collection and referral.

STATE UPDATES

As per a letter from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Rs 4 lakh will be given to the families of those whose deaths have been linked to the COVID-19. In addition, the cost of hospitalization for those being treated for the virus has been fixed by state governments, from the Disaster Response Funds (SDRF) of each state.

- Local transmission of COVID-19 (infection among those with no travel history to affected countries) have been reported in five states: Delhi, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh
- Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh have only imported cases
- Kerala released the Time-Location chart of the positive cases so that contacts can reach out to the health service. While, in other states, tracking of contacts, home quarantine and isolation of cases is ongoing along with other containment measures
- Places of mass gatherings like cinema theatres, malls, marriage halls, pubs, music fests, marathons, night-clubs have been closed

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WHO RESPONSE

Globally WHO, UN Foundation and partners launched a first-of-its-kind COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund on 14 March. The fund will raise money from a wide range of donors to support the work of WHO and partners to help countries respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 12 March, a high-level meeting on COVID-19 was convened by WHO South-East Asia Regional Office with participation of over 80 representatives of UN agencies and diplomatic missions in New Delhi.

WHO Country Office for India support at national level

WHO Country Office for India (WCO) has been working closely with MoHFW, on preparedness and response measures for COVID-19. WCO is closely working with National Centre for Diseases Control (NCDC) on disease surveillance and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on risk communications. As member of the Joint Monitoring Group (JMG) on emerging diseases, WCO has been regularly attending these meetings. JMG brings together line ministries and agencies to provide updates as well technical guidance on preparedness and response activities including planning for the next phase. WCO continues to provide support to ICMR on laboratory and research protocols.

WHO Country Office for India support at state/district level

- WCO is supporting training on IPC & Cluster containment plan, surveillance and tracking of travelers along with IDSP teams.
- Feedback and update on COVID-19 is being shared regularly by SRTLs with divisional officers, AD health and Commissioners across affected and non-affected states. SMOs are updating DMs & district health officials in DTFs and DWRs on a regular basis.
- State Training of Trainers (ToTs) are being held in consultation with State Ministries, Senior leadership from National Health Missions.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADVICE FOR THE PUBLIC

For any queries related to health, people may contact Ministry of Health & Family Welfare 24*7 helpline number (+91-11-23978046) or email at (ncov2019@gmail.com).

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