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Daily report on Public Health measures taken for COVID-19

WHO has declared COVID-19 affecting 183 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 209035 passengers are screened at the Airports of Chennai, Trichy, Madurai, and Coimbatore. As on date, 12519 passengers are under home quarantine for 28 days. Currently, 21 asymptomatic passengers from highly affected countries are being quarantined in quarantine facilities near airport and 89 are under hospital isolation.

Till now 552 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, Thiruvarur VRDL, Tirunelveli VRDL, RGGGH VDRL Coimbatore VRDL and Salem VRDL. The samples of 512 passengers are processed of which 503 samples are negative, 9 samples are positive for COVID-19 infection and 40 samples are under process.

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.

COVID-19 Positive patients:

Patient 1: A 45 year male patient from Kancheepuram, has tested positive for COVID-19 on 07.03.2020. He had travelled from oman to Chennai airport on 28.02.2020.(No. of contacts – Primary 4).

Patient 2 : A 25 year old male patient from Chennai, has tested positive for COVID-19 on 18.03.2020. He had travelled from Delhi railway station to Chennai MGR central railway station on 12.03.2020.(No. of Contacts - Primary 7).

Patient 3 : A 21 year old male patient from Chennai, has tested positive for COVID-19 on 20.03.2020. He had travelled from Ireland to Chennai airport on 17.03.2020. (No. of Contacts – Primary 3).

Patient 4 : A 65 year old male from Chennai, has tested positive for COVID-19 on 21.03.2020. He had travelled from New Zealand to Singapore to Chennai airport on 15.03.2020. (No. of Contact – Primary 20)

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Patient 5 and 6 : A 69 year old male and a 75 year old male from Erode, has tested positive for COVID-19 on 21.03.2020. He had travelled from Phuket to New Delhi to Erode railway station on 11.03.2020.(No. of Contacts- Primary 13)

Patient 7 : A 25 year old female from Coimatore, has tested positive for COVID-19 on 22.03.2020. She had travelled from Spain-Delhi-Bangalore-Coimbatore airport on 15.03.2020. (No. of Contacts- Primary 14)

Patient 8 : A 43 year old male from Tirunelveli, has tested positive for COVID-19 on 22.03.2020. He had travelled from Dubai to Madurai airport on 20.03.2020. (No. of Contact- Primary-2)

Patient 9 : A 64 year old female from Chennai, has tested positive for COVID-19 on 22.03.2020. She had travelled from USA via Singapore to Chennai airport on 20.03.2020. (No. of Contact – Primary-1)

District level disaster management control room are activated with contact number – 1077. Toll free number 1800-120555550.

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

Sl.No	District	Feb 24 - Mar 12	13-Mar	14-Mar	15-Mar	16-Mar	17-Mar	18-Mar	19-Mar	20-Mar	21-Mar	22-Mar	Total
1	Chennai	292	94	166	92	134	111	105	226	1240	376	764	3600
2	Kanyakumari	15	1	34	2	10	14	12	35	241	55	625	1044
3	Thanjavur	49	2	27	9	31	18	47	47	271	91	183	775
4	Coimbatore	68	26	12	12	12	14	10	41	136	47	134	512
5	Pudukottai	15	7	10	1	30	7	40	55	171	60	97	493
6	Tiruchirapalli	54	4	11	5	18	12	32	38	161	60	97	492
7	Sivaganga	6	4	7	9	19	4	42	47	202	45	96	481
8	Cuddalore	17	12	19	5	16	10	21	34	184	47	98	463
9	Thiruvarur	22	2	9	1	15	1	22	25	138	31	127	393
10	Tirunelveli	14	1	14	5	4	10	18	23	121	44	135	389
11	Ramanathapuram	9	3	6	4	12	8	35	16	175	44	72	384
12	Nagapattinam	33	12	14	3	14	1		10	106	61	89	343
13	Madurai	14	7	14	9	9	17		12	105	50	88	325
14	Vellore	16	11	17	5	14	16	9	16	71	26	75	276
15	Kancheepuram	70	2	7	3	10	24	10	22	18	15	53	234
16	Chengalpattu	61	10	44	26	21	1	2	2	60	1		228
17	Villupuram	7	6	4	11	10	1	8	9	93	16	51	216
18	Thoothukudi	40	3	11	1	1	4	6	10	73	11	50	210
19	Perambalur	1		2		4	3		10	74	22	66	182
20	Salem	27	2	4	2	5	6	13	17	40	14	51	181
21	Ariyalur	0	1	2		7	2	5	6	80	16	43	162
22	Virudhunagar	17		4	6	3	1	17	7	54	18	35	162
23	Thiruvallur	18	6	12	14	10	17	2	7	39	17	17	159
24	Erode	11	1		4	2	6	5	9	27	12	36	113
25	Namakkal	31		2	2	5	3		6	34	7	12	102
26	Tiruvannamalai	8	4	5	3	3	6	7	4	29	5	22	96
27	Tiruppur	14		2	2	1	5	1	3	25	8	34	95
28	Dindigul	10		2		1	1	7	6	24	12	25	88
29	Theni	9	1	2	4	4		5	2	19	15	26	87
30	Krishnagiri	2		2		2	3		3	29	9	10	60
31	Karur	5			1	2	2		5	22	6	13	56
32	Nilgris	1	2			2				5	11	29	50
33	Dharmapuri	1		3			2			15	4	9	34
34	Tenkasi	3		4					6	2	1	4	20
35	Kallakurichi	2			1	2				1			6
36	Ranipet	4											4
37	Tirupathur	2		2									4
	Total	**968**	**224**	**474**	**242**	**433**	**330**	**481**	**759**	**4085**	**1257**	**3266**	**12519**