

Situation Update, Uttarakhand: 18/03/2020

WHO has declared the recent Novel Corona Virus (COVID 19) epidemic affecting more than 100 countries as International Public Health Emergency Concern (PHEIC) under IHR (International Health Regulation). In this context, Uttarakhand Government has strengthened the surveillance and control measures against the disease.

Till, date 794 persons from China and other Novel Corona Virus affected countries have been identified and tracked and all have been placed under surveillance. 390 persons have completed 28 days of observation after coming back from china and other affected countries. 370 persons are under observation as on today. 34 persons have been migrated out of state as on today.

A total of 68 samples have been collected for COVID 19 testing till date. Result of 45 samples received, 44 are negative and 1 is positive. Result of 23 samples is awaited. 27 samples of close contacts of positive case are sent for testing.

Quarantine facilities have been made operational at district Dehradun, Haridwar, Nainital, Udham Singh Nagar, Pithoragarh, Champawat and state is geared up to admit any person that need institutional quarantine.

Public Health Action taken :

- State Task Force under Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttarakhand has been constituted.
- To avoid mass gatherings Purnagiri devi Mela at Champawat district has been cancelled.
- Directives given to restrict any public gathering of more than 50 persons.
- Epidemic disease act has been implemented in the state for COVID 19.
- Directives issued to close all schools, cinema halls etc.

APPEAL :

Department of Health and Family Welfare, Uttarakhand appeals to all citizens of the state or foreign guests staying in Uttarakhand at present, who have returned from China and other Novel Corona Virus affected countries in last 15 days, to call state helpline number 104 or contact Chief Medical Officers of the districts to keep themselves and their families and society safe and protected from corona virus. Avoid non essential foreign travel.

Preventive measures :

- Home quarantine of all asymptomatic travellers for next 28 days after returning from Novel Corona Virus affected countries.
- Travellers and their families members must ensure strict respiratory and hand hygiene. Cover your face while coughing or sneezing, wash hands frequently and avoid hand shakes.
- Travellers coming to India from Novel Corona Virus affected countries must report to district/block health authorities immediately if they develop any symptoms like fever, cough, cold or difficulty in breathing.
- Indian citizens are advised to refrain from non essential travel to Novel Corona Virus affected countries.
- Hospital isolation of all symptomatic travellers if they have returned from any of Novel Corona Virus affected countries.
- Minimal movement and interaction with outsiders.
- Frequent hand washing specially after touching any body secretions like saliva or nasal secretions.

DATA AS ON 8:00 PM, 18/03/2020

1. Cumulative number of persons from China and other affected countries : 794
2. Cumulative number of persons who have completed 28 days observation period : 390
3. Cumulative number of persons under observation as on today : 370
4. Cumulative number of persons migrated out of state as on today : 34
5. No. of person in hospital observation as on today : 23
6. No. of person in home quarantine as on today : 347
7. No. of symptomatic person as on today : 23
8. Number of samples sent today for COVID 19 testing : 17

District	Hospital	Number of sample sent today
Dehradun	Doon Hospital	10
	Max Hospital	4
Nainital	GMC Haldwani	2
	Combined Hospital Ramnagar	1
Total		17

9. Cumulative number of samples sent for COVID 19 testing : 68
10. Number of samples of contacts : 27
11. Total number of samples found Positive : 01
12. Total number of samples found negative : 44
13. Total number of samples result awaited : 23
14. Total person screened at airports : 43855
15. Isolation beds identified across state : 337
16. Quarantine facilities identified in all the districts.
17. Total call received and attended today by helpline 104 : 140