

MoHS Statement on COVID-19 (4 March 2020, 8:00PM) ([Link](#))
(Unofficial translation by OCHA)

1. The Ministry of Health and Sports (MoHS) has been working on monitoring and preventive measures of the COVID-19, which has been spreading in China and 72 countries in the world, at international entrances/gates, at public hospitals and among communities, as well as in cooperation with private hospitals.
2. In doing so;
 - (a) A 28-year-old man from Waingmaw Township of Kachin State, who had been working in China (Tengchong, Yunnan Province), returned to Myanmar on 1 March 2020. As he was found with high body temperature at Kan Paik Ti border gate in Waingmaw Township, he was sent to Kan Paik Ti Station Hospital. It is found out that he has been suffering from acute respiratory symptoms such as fever, coughing, breathing difficulty and tiredness since 23 February 2020. Hence, he has been under treatment in an isolation room as a Person Under Investigation, and nasal swab taken from him will be sent and tested at the National Health Laboratory (NHL) in Yangon.
 - (b) A 68-year-old woman in Mahaaungmyay Township of Mandalay Region, who has a diabetes disease, has been suffering from coughing and breathing difficulty and fainted since 27 February 2020, and arrived at Mandalay General Hospital on 4 March 2020. Despite she has no travel history to Coronavirus-affected countries within 14 days, as she has acute respiratory symptoms and/or suspected COVID-19 symptoms, she has been under treatment in an isolation room as a PUI. Nasal swab taken from her will be sent and tested at the NHL in Yangon.
 - (c) A 32-year-old woman in Mingalardon Township of Yangon Region returned from Thailand to Myanmar on 2 March 2020. She has been suffering from coughing, sore throat and tiredness since 26 February 2020. A private clinic transferred her to Weibargi Hospital on 4 March 2020. She has been under treatment in an isolation room and her nasal swab will be tested at the NHL in Yangon.
3. A 26-year-old Myanmar citizen, who had close contact with a COVID-19 affected person in Singapore, has been under treatment in an isolation room at Kyaukpadaung Township Hospital of Mandalay Region. He has tested negative for COVID-19 according to the NHL in Yangon. Since the man had been contacted with Coronavirus affected patient, one more test of his nasal swab will be conducted again three days later. As of 4 March 2020, the man was in good health.
4. As of 6:00 PM on 4 March 2020, seven patients have been monitored and treated at designated hospitals.
5. The MoHS has been speeding up monitoring although there were no laboratory-confirmed cases as of 4 March 2020. The MoHS calls on people to exactly follow the MoHS health guidelines as the COVID-19 has been spreading in China and other 73 countries in the world, including neighboring countries. Everyone is advised to inform to nearest health department, if anyone who had contacted with affected people or who returned from affected countries to Myanmar, and if anyone notices someone has suspected symptoms. The MoHS calls people for cooperation with the MoHS in quarantine measures.

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