

**MoHS Statement on COVID-19 (5 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 77 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 27-year-old woman of Myanmar citizen, who lives in Bhamo Township in Kachin State, returned from Ruili Town of China on 4 March 2020 and found with high body temperature at the Muse border gate of northern Shan State. As the woman has been suffering from fever and coughing since 2 March 2020, she has been sent to Muse General Hospital. She has been under treatment in an isolation room as a Person Under Investigation (PUI), and nasal swab taken from her will be sent and tested at the National Health Laboratory (NHL) in Yangon. Currently, no acute respiratory symptoms were found.
3. In the evening of 5 March 2020, the NHL has released results of the following patients, stating they tested negative for COVID-19.
  - (a) A 32-year-old man in Weibargi Hospital [Yangon Region]
  - (b) A 9-year-old boy in Muse Muse General Hospital [Northern Shan State].
4. As of 6:00 PM on 5 March 2020, three patients have been treated under surveillance at designated hospitals.
5. The 26-year-old man under surveillance in Kyaukpadaung Township Hospital was in good health as of the evening on 5 March 2020.
6. The MoHS has been speeding up monitoring although there were no laboratory-confirmed cases as of 5 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 77 countries in the world, including neighboring countries.

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