

MoHS Statement on COVID-19 (6 March 2020, 8:00PM) ([Link](#))
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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 85 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 35-year-old man in Oke Ta Ra Thi Ri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory, who returned from Bangkok of Thailand on 3 March 2020, has been suffering from fever, runny nose and coughing since 5 March 2020, and sent to Nay Pyi Taw 1,000-bedded General Hospital. He has been treated under surveillance in an isolation room as a Person Under Investigation (PUI) and nasal swab taken from him will be sent and tested at the National Health Laboratory (NHL) in Yangon.
 - (b) A 30-year-old woman in Hakka Township of Chin State, who returned from Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia to Yangon International Airport of Myanmar at 10:15 AM on 6 March 2020. At the airport she was found with high body temperature, dry cough and shortness of breath. Therefore, she has been sent to Weibargi Hospital in Yangon Region, and treated under surveillance in an isolation room as a PUI. Nasal swab taken from her will be sent and tested at the NHL in Yangon. No other acute respiratory symptoms were found.
 - (c) A 14-year-old boy in Hmawbi Township of Yangon Region, who has symptoms of fever, coughing and shortness of breath, arrived at Insein General Hospital on 4 March 2020. Despite no travel history to the countries affected with COVID-19, as he currently has acute respiratory symptoms, the boy has been treated under surveillance in an isolation room as a PUI. Nasal swab taken from him will be sent and tested at the NHL in Yangon.
 - (d) A 34-year-old man in Lawksawk Township of southern Shan State has been suffering from fever, shortness of breath and hemoptysis since 23 February 2020. He had been treated at a private hospital from 26 February 2020 to 5 March 2020 and was transferred to Yangon General Hospital at 6 March 2020. Despite no travel history to countries affected with COVID-19, as he had acute respiratory symptoms, the man had been treated under surveillance in an isolation room as a PUI. His nasal swab was sent and being tested at the NHL in Yangon. While under special care and treatment, his health was deteriorating and passed away at 4:30 PM on 6 March 2020.
3. A 40-year-old man in Sittwe Township of Rakhine State suffered from shortness of breath in Lashio Town of northern Shan State on his way from Ruili Town of China to Mandalay of Myanmar on 5 March 2020. Hence, he was sent to Lashio General Hospital at 8:40 PM on 5 March 2020. On investigation, it was learnt that the patient had been suffering from diabetes for five months, and fever and coughing for 40 days. Designated as a suspected patient, he had been treated in an isolation room in Lashio General Hospital. His nasal swab was sent and tested at the NHL in Yangon. Then, the patient's health became deteriorating and died of several diseases such as enlarged heart, improper functioning of heart, diabetes and pneumonia, at 9:40 PM on 5 March 2020.
4. The health of the 68-year-old woman in Mandalay's Mahaaungmye Township, who had been treated as an IPU in Kandawnadi Hospital of Mandalay since 4 March 2020, became deteriorating

and died at 7:40 AM on 6 March 2020. The woman had a chronic heart disease and a diabetes, and the cause of the death was initially assumed to be acute pneumonia and untreated heart and diseases. The MoHS will release the result of the NHL in Yangon as soon as available.

5. As of 6:00 PM on 6 March 2020, five patients were treated at designated hospitals.
6. The MoHS will keep updating the situation.

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