

MoHS Statement on COVID-19 (7 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 globally, 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 in Wetlet Township of Sagaing Region returned from China on 5 March 2020. As he suffered from fever and coughing, he arrived at the Wetlet Township Hospital on 6 March 2020, but was transferred to Kandawnadi Hospital in Mandalay. He has been treated in an isolation room as a Person Under Investigation and nasal swab will be sent and tested at the National Health Laboratory (NHL) in Yangon. No other acute respiratory symptoms were found.
 - (b) A 41-year-old man in Minhla Township of Magway Region returned from China on 19 February 2020. As he suffered from fever, coughing, sneezing, myalgia and breathing difficulty, he arrived at the Lin Kel Station Hospital in Minhla Township. He has been treated in an isolation room as a PUI at the hospital, and his nasal swab will be sent and tested at the NHL in Yangon. No other acute respiratory symptoms were found.
 - (c) A 37-year-old man from Yedashe Township of Bago Region has been suffering hepatitis for a month in Thailand, and as the situation has not improved, he returned to Yedashe via Myawaddy Town of Kayin State on 5 March 2020. He arrived at the Yedashe Township Hospital at about 3:00 PM on the same day, and ever since he has been treated in an isolation room as a PUI, despite no fever and acute respiratory symptoms, as he has some symptoms of pneumonia in chest X-ray. His nasal swab will be sent and tested at the NHL in Yangon.
 - (d) A 71-year-old man in Mahaaungmyay Township of Mandalay Region has been suffering from coughing since 22 February 2020 and breathing difficulty since 6 March 2020 as well. He arrived at the Mandalay General Hospital on 7 March 2020. Despite no travel history to areas of disease outbreak and no contact with suspected patients, as he has acute respiratory symptoms, he has been transferred to Kandawnadi Hospital. He has been treated in an isolation room as a PUI and his nasal swab will be sent and tested at the NHL in Yangon.
 - (e) A 30-year-old man in Thaketa Township of Yangon Region returned from Japan on 27 February 2020. He has been suffering from a kidney disease caused by high blood pressure and had been under hemodialysis treatment in Japan since 24 July 2019. While he was taking under hemodialysis at Kantharyar Hospital in Yangon on 28 February 2020, he suffered from coughing and fever. Then, he was transferred to Weibargi Hospital on 7 March 2020. The man has been treated in an isolation room as a PUI and his nasal swab will be sent and tested at the NHL in Yangon. No other acute respiratory symptoms were found.
 - (f) A 13-year-old child (boy) in Htantabin Township of Yangon Region has been suffering from fever and coughing since 26 February 2020 and arrived at Insein General Hospital. Despite no travel history to the areas of disease outbreak and no contacts with suspected patients, as he currently has acute respiratory symptoms, he has been treated in an isolation room as a PUI since 6 March 2020. When his nasal swab was sent to the NHL in Yangon, he tested negative for COVID-19, according to the NHL result released on 7 March 2020.
3. As of 6:00 PM on 7 March 2020, six patients were treated under surveillance at designated hospitals.

4. The MoHS has been speeding up monitoring although there were no laboratory-confirmed cases as of 7 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 89 countries in the world, including neighboring countries.

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