

**MoHS Statement on COVID-19 (10 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 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 27-year-old pregnant woman, who lives in Demoso Township of Kayah State, returned from Thailand to Myanmar on 9 March 2020. On her way back home at the Shadaw Town Checkpoint, she was found having high body temperature and suffering from fever, coughing and sneezing. Hence, she was sent to Loikaw General Hospital. She has been treated in an isolation room as a Person Under Investigation (PUI) and her nasal swab will be tested at the National Health Laboratory (NHL) in Yangon.
  - (b) A 34-year-old man, who lives in Danuphyu Township of Ayeyarwady Region, returned from Thailand to Myanmar on 10 March 2020. As he has started suffering from fever and chest pain since 1 March 2020, he arrived at the Yangon General Hospital on 10 March 2020. He has been treated in an isolation room as a PUI and his nasal swab will be tested at the NHL in Yangon. Currently, he has no acute respiratory symptoms.
  - (c) A 26-year-old woman, who lives in Taikkyi Township of Yangon Region, arrived at the Insein General Hospital on 8 March 2020, as she has been suffering from serious illness, headache, seizure and breathing difficulty since 7 March 2020. As she has certain symptoms of acute respiratory disease, despite no travel history to affected areas within the past 14 days, she has been treated in an isolation room as a PUI. Her nasal swab will be tested at the NHL in Yangon.
  - (d) A 17-year-old woman, who lives in Shwepyitha Township of Yangon Region, has been hospitalized in Insein General Hospital since 7 March 2020, as she has been suffering from serious illness and cough since 1 March 2020. As there were symptoms of acute respiratory disease in her chest X-ray, despite no travel history to affected areas, she has been defined as a PUI since 10 March 2020 and treated in an isolation room. Her nasal swab will be tested at the NHL in Yangon.
3. According to the results of the NHL in Yangon in the evening of 10 March 2020, the following patients tested negative for COVID-19.
  - (a) A one-year-and-old Babyboy, who lives in Myothit Township of Magway Region, being treated as a PUI in Magway General Hospital.
  - (b) A 32-year-old woman, who lives in Aungmyaythazan Township of Mandalay Region, being treated as a PUI in Kandawnadi Hospital.
  - (c) A 34-year-old pregnant woman, who lives in Bago Township of Bago Region, being treated as a PUI in Weibargi Hospital of Yangon Region.
4. In addition, 15 Myanmar citizens, who had been in Daegu Town of Republic of Korea and returned to Myanmar on 8 and 9 March 2020, have been quarantined and monitored for 14 days in hospitals, despite they had no symptoms of acute respiratory disease. According to the NHL results, the 15 have also tested negative for COVID-19.
5. As of 10 March 2020, 6:00 PM, seven patients were being treated and monitored at designated hospitals.

6. The MoHS has been speeding up monitoring although there were no laboratory-confirmed cases as of 10 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 105 countries in the world, including neighboring countries.
7. 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. Everyone is requested to cooperate in the MoHS's quarantine measures.

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