**MoHS Statement on COVID-19 (18 March 2020, 8:00PM) (**[**Link**](https://www.facebook.com/MinistryOfHealthAndSportsMyanmar/posts/3257644624264820?__tn__=-R)**)**

***(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, 13 Persons Under Investigation (PUI) have been found between 17 March 2020 (6:00PM) and 18 March 2020 (6:00PM). (**See Table 1**).
3. According to the laboratory results by the National Health Laboratory (NHL) in Yangon, the 8 Persons Under Investigation (PUI), who have been treated under surveillance at designated hospitals between 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM on 18 March 2020, tested negative for the COVID-19. **(Table 2)**
4. Eight Myanmar citizens – six from Italy, one from Spain and one from France - who arrived back to the Yangon International Airport on 17 and 18 March 2020, have been quarantined and monitored at a hospital for 14 days because they have a travel history to places with high infected COVID-19 cases despite showing no symptoms nor having close contact with infected people.
5. As of 18 March 2020, at 6:00 PM, a total of 13 patients, who were still waiting for their laboratory results, have been treated under surveillance at designated hospitals.
6. Three patients of PUIs died between 17 March 2020 (6:00 PM) and 18 March 2020 (6:00 PM).
7. A baby girl of 9 months old, who lived in Myothit Township of Magway Region, visited a private clinic as he suffered from vomiting, diarrhea, high fever and sluggishness on 13 March 2020. As he was not recovering, the child visited Taungdwingyi Township General Hospital on 17 March 2020, and was transferred to Magway General Hospital at 3:50 PM on the same day. The child died at 10:00 PM on 17 March 2020, while he was being treated as a PUI and his nasal swab sample was taken and being sent to the NHL in Yangon. According to the initial examination, the cause of the death may be the result dehydration and low blood pressure as the diarrhea was not treated earlier.
8. A 30-year-old man, who lived in Mongphyak Township of Shan State (East) and who had been treated as a PUI on 17 March 2020 at Kengtong Township General Hospital, started suffering from fever, cough and hemoptysis on 10 March 2020 and was treated at the hospital as an inpatient since 14 March 2020. The patient died at 9:30 PM on 17 March 2020, while being treated. According to the initial examination, the cause of the death may be the consequences of the enlarged heart that the patient had been suffering for years, high sugar level in the blood and low potassium and pneumonia.
9. A 40-year-old man, who lived in Mingaladon Township of Yangon Region, started suffering from fever, cough and difficult breathing since 12 March 2020, and then visited North Okkalapa General and Teaching Hospital on 17 March 2020. While he was being treated as a PUI, the patient died at 9:30 PM on 17 March 2020. The patient had a Down Syndrome. According to the initial examination, the cause of the death might be blood poisoning and high blood cell count, and pneumonia as well. The nasal swab taken from him was sent and tested at the NHL in Yangon, and the NHL released the result on 18 March 2020, stating that he tested negative for COVID-19.

The laboratory test results of the two deceased patients will also be publicized when available.

1. The MoHS has been speeding up monitoring although there were no laboratory-confirmed cases as of 18 March 2020. The MoHS calls on people to exactly follow the MoHS health guidelines as the COVID-19 has been spreading now in 159 countries in the world, including China and neighboring countries.

**Table 1**

**MoHS Statement on PUIs and Suspected Patients of COVID-19 (18 March 2020, 8:00PM)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **No** | **Age (years old)** | **Gender** | **Address** | **Symptoms** | **Date of Symptoms** | **Travel History** | **Where patient was found** | **Contacted with COVID-19 patient or not** | **Hospital and Date** | **Remark** |
| **Visited Location** | **Date of Arrival to Myanmar** |
| 1 | 29 | Male | Myingyan Township, Mandalay Region | Fever, Sore Throat | 8.3.2020 | Republic of Korea | 10.3.2020 | Mandalay General Hospital | No | Kandawnadi Hospital 17.3.2020 | Myanmar Citizen |
| 2 | 39 | Male | Kawa Township, Bago Region | Fever, Cough, Vomit, Unconscious  | 12.3.2020 | No |  | North Okkalapa General and Teaching Hospital | No | North Okkalapa General and Teaching Hospital 17.3.2020 | Myanmar Citizen |
| 3 | 26 | Male | North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region | No symptoms found on arrival in Myanmar | 17.3.2020 | Japan | 17.3.2020 | Yangon Int’l Airport | Contacted. Was in Diamond Princes Cruise Ship | Weibargi Hospital 17.3.2020 | Myanmar Citizen |
| 4 | 39 | Male | Tarmwe Township, Yangon Region | Fever | 16.3.2020 | Singapore | 17.3.2020 | Yangon Int’l Airport | No | Weibargi Hospital 17.3.2020 | Myanmar Citizen |
| 5 | 9 Month | Female | Myothit Township, Magway Region | High fever, Vomit, Diarrhea, Sluggishness  | 13.3.2020 | No |  | Private Clinic | No | Magway General Hospital 17.3.2020 | Myanmar Citizen |
| 6 | 19 | Male | Hsipaw Township, Shan State (N) | Fever, Cough | 10.3.2020 | China | 16.3.2020 | Hsipaw Township General Hospital | No | Hsipaw Township General Hospital 17.3.2020 | Myanmar Citizen |
| 7 | 40 | Male | Mongyawng Township, Shan State (E) | Fever, Vomit | 16.3.2020 | China | 12.3.2020 | Mongyawng Township General Hospital | No | Mongyawng Township General Hospital 17.3.2020 | Myanmar Citizen |
| 8 | 27 | Male | Htantabin Township Yangon Region  | Difficult Breathing, Restlessness | 15.3.2020 | No |  | Insein General Hospital | No | Insein General Hospital 15.3.2020 | Myanmar Citizen |
| 9 | 23 | Female | Hpapun Township, Kayin State | Fever, Sore Throat | 14.3.2020 | Thailand | 17.3.2020 | Kamarmaung Station Hospital | No | Kamarmaung Station Hospital 17.3.2020 | Myanmar Citizen |
| 10 | 40 | Male | Mingaladon Township, Yangon Region | Fever, Cough, Difficult Breathing (the patient has Down Syndrome) | 12.3.2020 | No |  | North Okkalapa General and Teaching Hospital | No | North Okkalapa General and Teaching Hospital 17.3.2020 | Malaysia Citizen |
| 11 | 25 | Male | Pyigyitagon Township, Mandalay Region | Cough | 15.3.2020 | No |  | Mandalay General Hospital | No | Mandalay General Hospital 17.3.2020 | Myanmar Citizen |
| 12 | 87 | Male | Union Territory, Nay Pyi Taw, Ottarathiri Township | Fever, Cough, Obstructive Breathing | 16.3.2020 | No |  | Taung Nyo Station Hospital | No | 1000 Bedded Hospital Nay Pyi Taw 17.3.2020 | Myanmar Citizen |
| 13 | 41  | Male | Moenyo Township, Bago Region | Fever | 7.3.2020 | Thailand | 17.3.2020 | Moenyo Township General Hospital | No | Moenyo Township General Hospital 17.3.2020 | Myanmar Citizen |

\*\*\*The 26-year-old man stated above in No.3 was working at the Diamond Princess Cruise and tested positive for COVID-19 on 25.2.2020. After having been treated at Okazaki Medical Center, Fujita Health University in Japan, he tested negative for COVID-19 two times on 28.2.2020 and 1.3.2020. With a health recommendation, he arrived back in Myanmar on 17 March 2020. Despite having no symptoms since being tested positive, he has been under surveillance as a PUI at Weibargi Hospital and his nasal swab sample will be tested again at the NHL in Yangon. Currently, he is in good health.

**Table 2**

**Laboratory Results for COVID-19**

**18 March 2020, 8:00 PM**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **No** | **Age (years old)** | **Gender** | **Address** | **Hospital** | **Arrival at Hospital** | **Laboratory Result** |
| 1 | 56 | Male | Muse Township, Shan State (N) | Muse General Hospital | 16.3.2020 | Negative |
| 2 | 36 | Male | Aungmyaythazan Township, Mandalay Region | Kandawnadi Hospital | 16.3.2020 | Negative |
| 3 | 20 | Male | Kayan Township, Yangon Region | Kayan Township Hospital | 16.3.2020 | Negative |
| 4 | 65 | Female | Chanayethazan Township, Yangon Region | Kandawnadi Hospital | 17.3.2020 | Negative |
| 5 | 29 | Male | Myingyan Township, Mandalay Region | Kandawnadi Hospital | 17.3.2020 | Negative |
| 6 | 19 | Male | Hsipaw Township, Shan State (N) | Hsipaw Township General Hospital | 17.3.2020 | Negative |
| 7 | 27 | Male | Htantabin Township, Yangon Region | Insein General Hospital | 15.3.2020 | Negative |
| 8 | 40 | Male | Mingaladon Township, Yangon Region | North Okkalapa General and Teaching Hospital | 17.3.2020 | Negative |