

MoHS Statement on Novel Coronavirus (19 February 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 some countries in the world, at international entrances/gates, at public hospitals and among communities, as well as in cooperation with private hospitals.
2. A 40-year-old Chinese national from Weihai Town of Shandong Province in China arrived in Myanmar on 17 February. On 19 February, as he started suffering fever and diarrhea, he went to Hlaingtharya Township Hospital, and then was transferred to Weibargi Hospital. He has been treated 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. Currently, no acute respiratory symptoms were found.
3. International Health Regulation in Singapore has informed the MoHS in Myanmar that a 26-year-old Myanmar woman, who returned from Singapore to Myanmar on 14 February, was closely in contact with a laboratory-confirmed patient in Singapore. Therefore, the woman has been treated as a PUI in Mandalay General Hospital and nasal swab taken from her will be sent and tested at the NHL in Yangon. Currently, no acute respiratory symptoms were found.
4. As of 8:00 PM on 19 February 2020, a total of 11 PUIs were being monitored and treated at designated hospitals in relevant Regions/States. They all were in good health. The MoHS will keep updating the results of laboratory test timely.

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