

MoHS Statement on Novel Coronavirus (20 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 26-year-old Chinese national from Chongqing Town of China arrived in Myanmar via Hongkong on 11 February. As he started suffering from fever on 19 February, he went to a clinic and then was transferred to Weibargi Hospital. He has been treated and under surveillance as a Person Under Investigation (PUI) and nasal swab taken from him has been sent to the National Health Laboratory (NHL) in Yangon for test. Currently, no acute respiratory symptoms were found.
3. A total of four patients continued to be monitored and treated at designated hospitals as of 12:00 PM on 20 February 2020.
4. The NHL has been testing the samples of those patients since 20 February. As of 6:00PM on 20 February, the results of the tests were as below:
 - (a) A 40-year-old man in Weibargi Hospital;
 - (b) A 26-year-old woman in Mandalay Hospital (who had closely contacted with a laboratory-confirmed patient in Singapore) and
 - (c) A 26-year-old man in Weibargi Hospital tested negative for COVID-19.
5. As of 6:00 PM on 20 February 2020, one PUI has been monitored and treated at a designated hospital in a relevant Region/State and was good in health. More result of the test will be released timely.
6. In connection with the WHO and National Focal Points for International Health Regulations in neighboring and other countries, the MoHS has been speeding up the works of monitoring on COVID-19 in accordance with international health regulations. The Chinese consulate in Mandalay informed on 19 February that two (out of 119 passengers) on a flight from Mandalay to China's Hubei on 25 January tested for COVID-19 on 7 February and 11 February respectively. According to the information, the two passengers stayed in Mandalay from 20 January to 24 January and returned to China on 25 January. The two Chinese nationals were infected with COVID-19 on 7 February and 11 February respectively.
7. Immediately, the Public Health Department (PHD) of Mandalay Region has conducted medical examinations on the people – tour guides, staffs from hotels and restaurants, and drivers, including their family members – who closely contacted with the two passengers. The PHD found out that all those were in good health but keep monitoring on them in accord with health working guidelines, after providing them health and preventive guidelines and instructing them to inform the PHD if any symptoms appear.

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