

**MoHS Statement on Novel Coronavirus (24 February 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 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. There was no new Persons Under Investigation (PUI) for COVID-19 in Regions/States between 8:00 PM of 23 February 2020 and 8:00 PM of 24 February 2020.
3. As of 6:00 PM on 24 February 2020, there were four PUIs at designated hospitals in relevant Regions/States to keep under 48-hour surveillance at the hospital according to guidelines, although they had tested negative for COVID-19. They all were in good health.
4. The MoHS will keep updating about the new cases of COVID-19, if any.
5. A 34-year-old South Korean woman visited Yangon between 13 February and 17 February. In South Korea, she tested positive for COVID-19 on 23 February and has been treated and under surveillance. On receiving information on 23 February, the Yangon Region Public Health Department found and investigated a total of 22 people – 15 of her family members and seven people who closely contacted with her. All of them were in good health and none had symptoms of COVID-19. The Public Health Department gave health education about the symptoms of COVID-19 and how to spread and put all of them in home quarantine. Health teams in relevant Township Public Health Departments will monitor them in their isolated houses on a daily basis, up to 14 days from the date they were met.
6. The MoHS has been speeding up monitoring process although there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 as of 24 February 2020. The MoHS also calls for all people to inform the Health Department about any suspected cases and to follow the MoHS guidelines to prevent the COVID-19, which has been spreading in 29 countries in the world, including China and neighboring countries.

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