

MoHS Statement on Novel Coronavirus (25 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 23-year-old man from Kutkai Township in northern Shan State, who had been working at a car workshop in Ruili Town of China for 15 days, arrived back in Muse [northern Shan State] on 24 February 2020. On his way back to Ruili on 25 February, he was found having a high body temperature (100°F) at the Muse-Mant Wein border gate, while being checked by a health team from Township Public Health Department. He was then sent to Muse Hospital and has been treated as a Person Under Investigation (PUI). Nasal swab taken from him will be sent and tested at the National Health Laboratory (NHL) in Yangon. No other acute respiratory symptoms were found.
3. As of 8:00 PM on 25 February 2020, one patient has been treated under surveillance at a designated hospital and in good health. The laboratory test results will be released when available.
4. The MoHS has been speeding up monitoring and surveillance on Influenza Like Illness (ILI) and Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI), and the NHL under the MoHS is able to test for the COVID-19.
5. Nasal swab from the three male patients – 18-year-old, 43-year-old and 46-year-old – who were among the patients being hospitalized for pneumonia in Insein Hospital in Yangon Region during 13-24 February 2020, were sent to the NHL on 25 February, although they did not contact with confirmed patients nor travel to other countries, and tested negative for COVID-19.
6. Despite no confirmed cases yet in Myanmar as of 25 February 2020, the MoHS has been speeding up monitoring process. 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 30 countries in the world, including China and neighboring countries.

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