

MoHS Statement on Novel Coronavirus (26 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 32-year-old US citizen from Gilbert of Arizona State had been in Harbin Town of China for about three months, and in Malaysia from 20 to 22 February, before arriving in Yangon on 22 February. The man suffered from vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat and fever on the evening of 25 February and went to Yangon Hospital on the morning of 26 February, before being transferred to Weibargi Hospital. The man has been treated as a Person Under Investigation (PUI) and nasal swab taken from him will be sent to the National Health Laboratory in Yangon. No other acute respiratory symptoms were found.
3. As of 8:00 PM on 26 February 2020, two patients have been treated under surveillance and in good health. Laboratory results of the patients will be released as soon as available.
4. Despite no confirmed cases yet in Myanmar as of 26 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 34 countries in the world, including China and some neighboring countries.

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