

**MoHS Statement on Novel Coronavirus (27 February 2020, 8:15PM) ([Link](#))**  
*(Unofficial translation by OCHA)*

1. Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has been spreading in 34 countries including China, and the **World Health Organization (WHO)** updated as below (as of 15:30 Myanmar Standard Time on 27 February 2019).

**Countries with confirmed cases** - 38  
Laboratory-confirmed cases globally - 81,109  
Deaths - 2,761

*Countries with high cases are China, South Korea, Italy, Japan, Iran and Singapore.*

2. **Situation of COVID-19 in Myanmar (as of 27 February 2020)**

	No. of Patients	Laboratory Test		
		Positive	Negative	Testing
<b>Monitored Patient</b>	<b>40</b>	-	<b>40</b>	-
<b>Suspected Patient</b>	<b>2</b>	-	<b>2</b>	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	-	<b>42</b>	-

3. There were a total of 42 patients – 12 in Yangon Region, 11 in Shan State, 8 in Mandalay Region and 11 in other states/regions.
4. The MoHS has been speeding up on monitoring and preventive measures on COVID-19, in cooperation with other relevant ministries, and national and international organizations.
5. **In the preventive measures on COVID-19**, the MoHS has been purchasing and delivering Intensive Care Unit (ICU), Isolation Ward, medicines and medical equipments as required, and **connected and coordinated with local/international organizations and donors.**
6. **For the public awareness and health education on COVID-19**, the MoHS has published posters, pamphlets, stickers and billboards, and delivered to different places of regions and states. Online publications can also be available at the links below;  
[www.mohs.gov.mm](http://www.mohs.gov.mm)  
<https://www.facebook.com/MinistryOfHealthAndSportsMyanmar>  
<https://www.facebook.com/MyanmarCDC>  
More than 370,000 users have reached the links through QR Codes so far. In addition, the MoHS has been broadcasting health information and education on State-run media and radios, including in ethnic languages.
7. Despite no confirmed cases of COVID-19 as of now in the country, Myanmar could also face immediate outbreak just like South Korea, Iran and Italy.
8. Despite no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Myanmar;  
(a) people are advised to avoid going to crowded places and mass gatherings,  
(b) people should hold such public gatherings only when not inevitable, and

(c) when holding inevitably, people should follow the health guidelines by the MoHS, given the facts below;

- Cases in other countries shows that new cases were found with or without contacts with the people tested positive for COVID-19 or no recent travels to the countries with cases
- Risk of spreading from the people tested positive for COVID-19 or the people who have not showed any symptoms.
- High risk of outbreaks in Myanmar.

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