

MoHS Statement on Novel Coronavirus (28 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. In doing so,
 - A) An Indian man holding British citizenship, entered Myanmar via Singapore on 24 February. The man suffered from vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat and fever on 25 February and went to a private hospital on 27 February, before being transferred to Weibargi Hospital. The man has been treated as a Person Under Investigation (PUI) and nasal swab taken from him was sent to the National Health Laboratory (NHL) in Yangon. His result was tested negative on 28 February. No other acute respiratory symptoms were found.
 - B) A man, who returned from China's Ruili town on 27 February, in Pauk Township of Magway Region, were found to have increasing temperature at Muse Border Checkpoint. He was then sent to Muse Township Hospital and started to suffer from fever and headache. He has been treated as a Person Under Investigation (PUI) and nasal swab taken from him was sent to the National Health Laboratory (NHL) in Yangon. No other acute respiratory symptoms were found.
 - C) A 25-year-old Chinese woman, from Xiantao City, arrived in Yangon on 20 February. She suffered from fever, sore throat, coughing and sent to Yangon General Hospital on 28 February. She has been treated as a Person Under Investigation (PUI) and nasal swab taken from her was sent to the National Health Laboratory (NHL) in Yangon. Her result was tested negative on 28 February. No other acute respiratory symptoms were found.
3. As of 6:00PM on 28 February 2020, one patient has been treated under surveillance and in good health.
4. A plane, carrying seven Myanmar students from Daegu of South Korea where COVID-19 has been severely infected, landed at the Yangon International Airport (Yangon) in the morning of 28 February. The students were studying at Deongmyeong University in Daegu. They did not suffer from fever and other

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.

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

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

2. 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.

3. 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.
4. **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**.
5. **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
<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.
6. 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.
7. 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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