

UPDATE ON NOVEL CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19) SITUATION IN INDIA

As per the latest update, 29 persons with COVID-19 infection have been reported in India including 16 Italian nationals. All of them are under treatment and are stable. Various departments of Government of India and State Governments are taking all necessary steps to contain the ingress and spread of COVID-19 Virus. Universal screening of all passengers at all seaports and airports has been initiated. Passengers coming by airlines are being further monitored in community surveillance through Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) network on a daily basis. A 24X7 helpline (0091-11-23978046) is operational to address public concerns. Ministry of Health has issued travel advisories and visa restrictions, advisory on mass gatherings, awareness material for COVID-19, discharge policy for suspect or confirmed COVID-19 cases, Guidelines on Clinical management of severe acute respiratory illness (SARI) in suspect/confirmed novel Coronavirus (nCoV) cases, Guidance on Surveillance for human infection with 2019-nCoV, Guidelines for Infection Prevention and Control in Healthcare Facilities and Guidance for sample Collection, Packaging and Transportation for Novel Coronavirus. All these advisories, guidelines and other related information can be accessed at Ministry of Health Website link:<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/> .

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