

# Health Sector Response to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19): Timeline

**13 Jan 2020**

A Hubei, China returnee Nepali with suspicious symptom visited Shahid Shukraj Tropical and Infectious Disease Hospital. Throat swab was collected and sent to the WHO designated laboratory in Hongkong for confirmatory diagnosis

**23 Jan 2020**

National Public Health Laboratory (NPHL) confirmed COVID-19 positive

**23 January 2020**

In country preparedness for immediate responses meeting to COVID-19 held

**24 January 2020**

The first press meet to update on COVID-19, chaired by Secretary. Thermal Scanner installed at TIA

**25 January 2020**

Hub & Satellite Hospitals' resource mapping meeting held. Thermal Scanner operated at TIA

**27 January 2020**

NPHL capacited for 24/7 lab test of COVID-19 using the real-time RT – PCR tech. Video conference with PHEOCs

**02 February 2020**

Medical Team Deployed to at Pokhara, Lumbini & Bhairahawa for coordinatization & the containment measures.

**31 January 2020**

High level monitoring, steering & technical committees formed. Preparation of SOP for repatriation and quarantine initiative

**30 January 2020**

WHO declared COVID-19 as a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern" Medical teams deployed to PoE at Rasuwa & Tatopani; established health desk.

**28 January 2020**

IEC materials developed & disseminated. HEOC started publishing daily Situation Update on COVID-19

**13 February 2020**

Simulation exercise has been conducted to test all the preparedness activities for repatriating Nepalese citizen at China

**12 February 2020**

All needed Human Resources were trained and sensitized Assessment of Key Hospitals

**04 February 2020**

Hotline service established (9851255839, 9851255837, 9851255834) to provide information to the public on COVID-19 (8:00 AM-8:00 PM)

**03 February 2020**

SoP for "Quarantine Procedure for Nepali Students repatriating from China, 2076" issued.

**Ongoing response**

**Other Regular Updates**

Daily SitRep with updates  
Regular Press Briefings  
Regular follow-up with Provinces and Key Hospitals  
Regular thermal screening of passengers at TIA  
Media Monitoring and rumor verification

**19 February 2020**

All the samples collected from Quarantine site (175) tested negative for COVID-19

**16 February 2020**

Nepal Airlines' aircraft airlifted 175 Nepali evacuees from Wuhan & kept in quarantine site at Kharipati for 14 days

