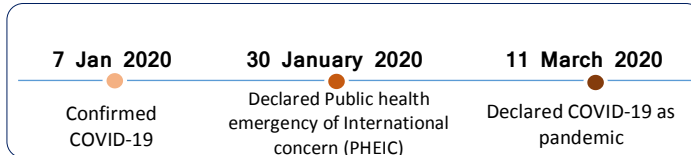




Government of Nepal
Ministry of Health and Population
Health Sector Response to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)
Sunday | 16 Chaitra 2076 (29 March 2020)

The first case of COVID-19 was reported from Hubei Province of China on 31 December 2019. Till 28 March 2020, a total of 575444 people have been confirmed of COVID-19 and it has taken life of 26654 people. This disease has spread over 201 countries/ Territories.



Current status on COVID-19, Nepal

Case	Total	New
Total sample tested	917	42
Positive	5	0
Recovered cases	1*	0
Negative	912	42
(as of 29 March 2020, 1400 hrs.)		

***First case:** Tested on 23 January, currently recovered
Other infected cases are in isolation under regular supervision of medical professionals and their health condition is stable.

Key Responses:

COVID-19 Hotline: Public concerns regarding COVID-19, its prevention and treatment are being addressed via 3 hotlines (**9851255839**, **9851255837**, **9851255834**) which are operational from 8:00 to 20:00 hrs.

Also, a "COVID-19 call center" has been in operation from 6 am to 10 pm, from 13 March for NTC and N-cell network users. Dial "**1115**" for this free service.

In addition, a 24-hour "COVID-19 call center" has been initiated from 15 Chaitra 2076 (28 March 2020) for NTC and N-cell network users. Dial "**1133**" for this free service.

- Under the command of respected Secretary an integrated "Incident Command System" has been operationalized at the Health Emergency Operation Centre (HEOC).
- Contact tracing of the 5th confirmed case of COVID-19 has been started and two teams including medical doctor are mobilized for the technical facilitation of additional contact tracing at local level.

- Among the two teams, one team is engaged in contact tracing of all passengers travelling in international and domestic flights together with the 5th positive case and the second team with medical doctor has been mobilized to Baglung for the technical facilitation of additional contact tracing at local level, with necessary logistics required for hospital.
- An Interactive App (<https://covid19.mohp.gov.np/>) has been initiated for official notices and information on COVID-19.



The Embassy of China (in Kathmandu) handed over essential items for prevention and management of COVID-19, as a support to Government of Nepal, Ministry of Health and Population.

Status of suspected cases in designated hospitals

Hospital	No. of patients in isolation	Returned home after treatment	ICU
Sukraraj Tropical and Infectious disease hospital	5	1	0
Patan Hospital	6	0	0
Armed Police Force Hospital (COVID-19 Unified Command Hospital)	0	0	0
Kanti Children's Hospital	1	0	0
Total	12	1	0
(As of 29 March 2020, 11:00 hrs.)			

Daily EWARS reporting from Hospital

EWARS reporting hospital – 118 sentinel sites		
Date	ILI/ SARI Cases	Suspected cases of COVID-19
25 March	56	17
26 March	35	11
27 March	15	8
28 March	23	2

(As of 29 March 2020, 13:00 hrs.)

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