



Health Sector Response to Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Acute Respiratory Disease

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On 31 December 2019, the first case of 2019-nCoV was reported from Hubei Province of China. The disease has spread over 18 countries outside China. As per the WHO, there has been very little epidemiological information available about the infectivity, intensity of human-to-human transmission and disease severity of the new 2019-nCoV. Although reported case fatality of the novel coronavirus infection is low with compared to previous Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), it is too early to compare as complete information on 2019-nCoV is yet to come.

Current Global status on 2019-nCoV

<p>Globally confirmed cases: 7818 China confirmed cases: 7736 Deaths :170</p> <p>Outside China: 18 countries Confirmed cases: 82</p>	<p>WHO RISK ASSESSMENT China: Very High Regional Level: High Global Level: High</p>
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(*as of 30 January 2020)

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) has been declared on 30 January 2020; however, restriction in international traffic and trade is not recommended.

Current status on 2019-nCoV, Nepal

First case of 2019-nCoV was confirmed in Nepal on 23 January 2020 and all other 4 cases under investigation were tested negative by National Public Health Laboratory (NPHL) for 2019-nCoV on 28 January 2020. No new cases have been reported today.

Table 1: Number of cases by category

Case Category	Cases till 30 Jan 2020	Cases on 31 Jan 2020	Total cases till 31 Jan 2020
Total Cases	5	0	5
Positive Cases	1	0	1
Negative Cases	4	0	4
Pending Cases	0	0	0

Key National Response

- As discussed and decided by the High Level Multi Sectorial Coordination meeting held at MoHP on 30 January 2020, led by Honorable Minister of Health & Population, the MoHP has taken following key initiatives:
 - o High level monitoring committee has been formed under the chairpersonship of Hon. Minister, Steering Committee under the chairpersonship of Secretary and a Health Technical Committee under the chairpersonship of Chief, Quality, Assurance and regulation Division, MoHP.

- o To facilitate the monitoring and management of 2019-nCoV in tourist traffic areas: Pokhara, Chitwan and Lumbini; MoHP will deploy a team led by Director, Curative Service Division. Team will coordinate with Ministry of Social Development, Provincial Health Directorate, Medical Colleges and concerned stakeholders.
- No cases with suspected symptoms were seen during the screening of passenger's via thermal scanner at Tribhuvan International Airport, Health Desk, from 30 to 31 January 2020.
- Honorable Health and Population Minister and His Excellency, Ambassador of China discussed the current situation, the health status of Nepalese people in China, the health services provided and continued cooperation.
- Honorable Health and Population Minister has discussed with the Chairman of the Nepal Medical Council and other experts in the health sector about the current situation and recommendations for containment of the outbreak.
- Honorable Health and Population Minister discussed the health and communication status of the students with parents of students studying in China.
- MoHP appeal to all responsible citizens for dissemination of authentic (WHO Source) and factual information on 2019-nCoV acute respiratory disease in social media (Facebook, Twitter) to prevent the unnecessary panic.



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