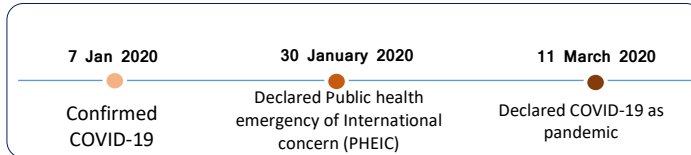




Government of Nepal
Ministry of Health and Population
Health Sector Response to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)
Friday | 15 Chaitra 2076 (28 March 2020)

The first case of COVID-19 was reported from Hubei Province of China on 31 December 2019. Till 25 March 2020, a total of 512701 people have been confirmed of COVID-19 and it has taken life of 23495 people. This disease has spread over 201 countries/ Territories.



Current status on COVID-19, Nepal

Case	Total	New
Total sample tested	875	44
Positive	5	1
Recovered cases	1*	0
Negative	870	43
<i>(as of 27 March 2020, 16:00 hrs.)</i>		

***First case:** Tested on 23 January, now in normal condition
Others are in isolation unit and under treatment in Teku hospital and are in stable condition.

Key Responses:

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

In addition, "COVID-19 call center" has been operated from 6 am to 10 pm, from 13 March for NTC and N-cell network users. Dial "1115" for this free service.

And, 24 hours "COVID-19 call center" has been initiated from 15 Chaitra 2076 for NTC and N-cell network users. Dial "1133" for this free service.

-Under the command of respected Secretary "Incident Command System" has been operated at health emergency operation centre

- A skype call was arranged today, on 28 March 2020 to orient health officials of Ministry of Social Development and the Health Directorate of Sudurpaschim Province about the SOP of Case Investigation and Contact Tracing

- Contact tracing of the 4th case of COVID-19 has been started and for the technical facilitation of additional contact tracing at local level, a team with doctor has been mobilized to Dhangadi.

- No symptoms of COVID-19 have been observed among the contacts of positive cases till date after the contact tracing.

-The sample test of suspected family members of the second case (19-year-old woman) was found to be negative.

Status of suspected cases in designated hospitals

Hospital	No. of patients in isolation	Returned home after treatment	ICU
Sukraraj Tropical and Infectious disease hospital*	4	0	0
Patan Hospital	5	3	0
Armed Police Force Hospital	0	0	0
Kanti Children's Hospital	1	8	0
Total	10	11	0
<i>(as of 28 March 2020, 16:00 hrs.)</i>			

Daily EWARS reporting from Hospital

EWARS reporting hospital – 118 sentinel sites		
Date	ILI/ SARI Cases	Suspected cases of COVID-19
23 Chaitra	39	8
24 Chaitra	55	16
25 Chaitra	31	9
26 Chaitra	13	7
<i>(As of 28 March 2020, evening 4:00 hrs.)</i>		

-The Ministry of Health and Population has received 75000 surgical masks and 100-unit Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from the Confederation of Nepalese Industries and 40 units PPE from the United Business Company Pvt. Ltd., Buddhanagar, Kathmandu.

-Nepal Airlines plane has been sent to Nepalgunj to collect samples of people suspected with COVID-19.

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