



**Government of Nepal**  
**Ministry of Health and Population**  
**Health Sector Response to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)**  
Thursday | 20 Chaitra 2076 (2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020)

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**Major Activities:**

- A video conference was held with the participation of Health Ministers of 11 countries under World Health Organization - South East Asia Regional Office (WHO-SEARO). On behalf of Government of Nepal, Honorable Minister of Health and Population Mr Bhanubhakta Dhakal participated in the conference. The conference focused on sharing of countries' experiences on COVID-19 control and response activities and mutual support and collaboration between the member states.



- Criteria for individuals who will be tested for COVID-19 has been revised. Lab testing for COVID-19 was only done for individuals who had a travel history or had contacts with people who tested positive for COVID-19 and showed symptoms of the disease till date. However, the revised criteria includes that the COVID-19 test will be done for all suspected people above 60 years of age showing symptoms of COVID-19.
- All passengers who had travelled in the same flights with positive cases of COVID-19 as well as people who have come in contact with the positive cases will be tested for COVID-19.
- Arrangement has been made to collect details of doctors and other health professionals hindering the treatment of COVID-19 and delivery of other health services with necessary actions to be taken against following investigations.
- A decision has been made not to allow leave provision or deputation of any health workers in order to maintain uninterrupted health services nationwide considering the global grave situation of COVID-19.

**Logistics Management:** Department of Health Services (DoHS) has continued the distribution of necessary items such as disinfectant sprayer pump, PPE (N95 masks, gowns, goggles, gloves, goggles) and thermometer as per the demand and need.

**Expansion of Laboratory Service:** In addition to National Public Health Laboratory (NPHL), Teku, provision of COVID 19 lab test services has been made in the following institutions of seven provinces.

| Province              | Hospital   | Operational status of labs for COVID-19 test services                               |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| Province 1            | Bisheshwar Prasad Koirala Institute of Health Science (BPKIHS) | Lab test started from 16 <sup>th</sup> Chaitra, 2076 (29 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020) |
| Province 2            | Janakpur Provincial Hospital                                   | In the process of equipment installation  |
| Bagmati Province      | Vector Borne Disease Research and Training Center, Hetauda     | Equipment installed and ready to start lab test                                     |
| Gandaki Province      | Pokhara Academy of Health Science                              | Started from 18 <sup>th</sup> Chaitra, 2076 (31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2020)          |
| Province 5            | Lumbini Provincial Hospital                                    | In the process of equipment installation  |
| Karnali Province      | Surkhet Provincial Hospital                                    | Equipment installed and preparation for starting lab test                           |
| Sudurpaschim Province | Seti Provincial Hospital, Dhangadi                             | In the process of equipment installation  |

**Information and Communication:** Today, a total of 2759 people contacted COVID-19 call centers (1115 and 1133) for COVID-19 related information.

| Number of patients at hospitals treating COVID-19 cases         |                       |                 |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Hospitals   | Patients in isolation | Patients in ICU |
| Sukraraj Tropical and Infectious Disease Hospital               | 6                     | 0               |
| Patan Hospital  | 3                     | 0               |
| Armed Police Force Hospital (COVID-19 Unified Command Hospital) | 7                     | 0               |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>16</b>             | <b>0</b>        |

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| ILI/SARI cases reported from EWARS sentinel sites |                |
|---|----------------|
| Date  | ILI/SARI cases |
| 28 March  | 89             |
| 29 March  | 60             |
| 30 March  | 47             |
| 31 March  | 55             |
| 01 April  | 63             |

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**Laboratory Test:** Till date six individuals have been reported as positive for COVID-19 from the laboratory tests done. All six cases are imported cases. Today one new case was reported. The first infected person has recovered and has already resumed normal life.

| <b>Laboratory Investigation Status</b>                 |                              |            |                          |            |
|--|------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|
| <b>Laboratory</b>                                      | <b>Total specimen tested</b> |            | <b>Positive</b>          |            |
|  | <b>Total as of today</b>     | <b>New</b> | <b>Total as of today</b> | <b>New</b> |
| National Public Health Lab                             | 1170                         | 37         | 6                        | 1          |
| Bisheshwor Prasad Koirala Institute of Health Sciences | 12                           | 0          | 0                        | 0          |
| Provincial Public Health Laboratory, Pokhara           | 3                            | 3          | 0                        | 0          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>1185</b>                  | <b>40</b>  | <b>6</b>                 | <b>1</b>   |

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\*Out of 24 samples collected, results of 12 samples are received and results of remaining 12 are yet to be out.

#### Standards and Guidelines:

- 1) [Guideline on the use of Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) in the context of COVID-19 \(based on the WHO criteria by Nepal Medical Council and Nepal Government's experts\)](#)
- 2) [COVID-19 SOP, Case Investigation and Tracing form](#)
- 3) [Protocol for ILI clinics \(COVID-19 screening fever clinics\)](#)

| <b>Province-wise details on quarantine, isolation and laboratory test</b> |                        |                              |                       |                              |   |          |                 |            |  |                     |
|---|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|---|----------|-----------------|------------|--|---------------------|
| Province  | No. of quarantine beds | No. of patient in quarantine | No. of isolation beds | No. of patients in isolation | Status of swab tests till 19th Chaitra 2076 |          |                 |            | Total swab collected (19 Chaitra 2076) | No. of PPE in stock |
|   |                        |                              |                       |                              | Negative                                    | Positive | Report awaiting | Total      |  |                     |
| Province 1  | 3922                   | 775                          | 385                   | 7                            | 42  | 0        | 20              | 62         | 8                                      | 1261                |
| Province 2  | 2249                   | 611                          | 358                   | 15                           | 8   | 0        | 17              | 25         | 13                                     | 492                 |
| Bagmati Province  | 3348                   | 374                          | 673                   | 13                           | 91  | 0        | 29              | 120        | 10                                     | 1689                |
| Gandaki Province  | 4120                   | 1357                         | 251                   | 6                            | 20  | 1        | 22              | 43         | 25                                     | 1598                |
| Province 5  | 4722                   | 2635                         | 500                   | 37                           | 71  | 0        | 10              | 81         | 10                                     | 589                 |
| Karnali Province  | 3109                   | 892                          | 470                   | 0                            | 19  | 0        | 3               | 22         | 20                                     | 900                 |
| Sudurpaschim Province   | 3169                   | 1861                         | 234                   | 11                           | 39  | 1        | 12              | 52         | 31                                     | 381                 |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>24639</b>           | <b>8505</b>                  | <b>2871</b>           | <b>89</b>                    | <b>290</b>                                  | <b>2</b> | <b>113</b>      | <b>405</b> | <b>117</b>                             | <b>6910</b>         |

Note: This report does not include information from hospitals in Kathmandu valley.  
Source: NEOC, Ministry of Home Affairs and Provincial Health Directorate, 19th Chaitra 2076 (1 April 2020)

**General public are requested to follow personal safety measures and stay at home during the lockdown period as advised by the Government of Nepal.**