

Government of Nepal Ministry of Health and Population



Health Sector Response to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Friday | 21 Chaitra 2076 (3rd April 2020)

Major activities:

- Samples were collected for lab tests from 96 persons quarantined at Kharipati, Bhaktapur, who had arrived from outside of Nepal.
- National Public Health Laboratory, Director of Epidemiology and Disease Control Division and World Health Organization discussed about strategies to expand the scope of COVID-19 testing so that any suspected cases are not missed.
- A team has been mobilized for case investigation and contact tracing of sixth positive case of COVID-19 has been initiated.

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

SN	Medical Items	Total Distributed	SN	Medical Items	Total Distributed			
1.	Sprayer Pump	16	12	Disinfectant tab	245			
2.	Shoe Cover	3,501	13	PPE set	612			
3.	Sanitizer	556	14	PPE Ground	335			
4.	Sodium Hypochlorite Solution	30	15	N95 Mask (A)	625			
5.	IR Thermometer	62	16	N95 Mask (B)	1800			
6.	IR Thermometer (CA)	92	17	Protective Goggles	991			
7.	Mask	531949	18	Gumboot	50			
8.	Gloves	21425	19	Gown	4200			
9.	Surgical gloves (K)	70000	20	Gown (reusable)	120			
10	Face Mask	2890	21	Gown (K)	7000			
11	Face Shield	1802						
	As of 21 Chaitra 2076 (3 April 2020), 13:00 hrs)							

Expansion of laboratory service: In addition to National Public Health Laboratory (NPHL), Teku, provision of COVID 19 lab test service is now available in the following institutions of seven provinces.

Province	Hospital	Status of lab operation
Province 1	Bisheshwar Prasad Koirala Institute of Health	Lab test started from 16 th Chaitra,
	Science	2076 (29 th March, 2020)
Province 2	Janakpur Provincial Hospital	Started from 21 st Chaitra, 2076
		(3 rd April, 2020)
Bagmati Province	Vector Borne Disease Research and Training	Started from 21 st Chaitra, 2076
	Center, Hetauda	(3 rd April, 2020)
Gandaki Province	Pokhara Academy of Health Science	Started from 18 th Chaitra, 2076
		(31 st March, 2020)

Province	Hospital	Status of lab operation
Province 5	Lumbini Provincial Hospital	In the process of equipment
		installation
Karnali Province	Surkhet Provincial Hospital	Started from 20 th Chaitra, 2076
		(2 nd April, 2020)
Sudurpaschim	Seti Provincial Hospital, Dhangadi	Started from 20 th Chaitra, 2076
Province		(2 nd March, 2020)

Information and communication: Today, a total of 3502 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	5	0					
Patan Hospital	3	0					
Armed Police Force Hospital	7	0					
(COVID-19 Unified Command Hospital)							
Total	15	0					
As of 21st Chaitra 2076 (3 rd April 2020), 14:00hrs)							

Status of Contact Tracing							
Infected case	No. of people to be traced who came in close contact of positive cases	No. of tracing completed					
Case 1	Recovered						
Case 2	14	12					
Case 3	14	14					
Case 4	37	34					
Case 5	23	16					
Case 6	7	4					
	As of 21st Chaitra 2076 (3 rd April 2020), 14:00hrs)						

ILI/SARI cases reported from EWARS sentinel sites						
Date ILI/SARI cases						
29 March	88					
30 March	86					
31 March	58					
01 April	99					
02 April	47					
As of 20th Chaitra 2076 (2 nd April 2020), 16:0						

Laboratory test: Till date, six persons have been reported positive for COVID-19 as confirmed by laboratory test. All six cases are imported cases. No new cases were reported today. The first infected person has recovered and has resumed normal life, while the remaining five infected cases are under treatment in hospitals.

Laboratory Test Status							
	Total specimen tested	Positive					
Laboratory	Total as of today	New	Total as of today	New			
National Public Health Lab	1229	59	6	0			
Bisheshwor Prasad Koirala Institute of Total samples tested: 39; Negative: 24; Test results awaiting: 15							
Health Sciences							
Vector Borne Disease Research and	awaiting	g: 5					
Training Center, Hetauda							
Pokhara Academy of Health Science Total samples tested: 19; Negative: 6; Test results awaiting: 13							
Janakpur Provincial Hospital Total samples tested: 5; Test results awaiting: 5							
Seti Provincial Hospital, Dhangadi	Dhangadi Total samples tested: 4; Negative: 1; Test results awaiting: 3						
Surkhet Provincial Hospital	Total samples tested: 7; Negative: 4; Test results awaiting: 3						
As of 21 st Chaitra 2076 (3 rd April 2020), 13:00hrs)							

	No. of	No. of No. of		No. of	Status of swab tests till 20th Chaitra 2076			Total	No. of PPE	
Province	quarantine patient in		No. of isolation beds	patients in isolation	Negative	Positive	Report awaiting	Total	samples collected (20 Chaitra 2076)	Gown in stock
Province 1	3924	758	401	11	42	0	17	59	5	1231
Province 2	2436	741	341	15	11	0	23	34	9	478
Bagmati Province	3896	725	751	29	127	0	19	146	11	545
Gandaki Province	4289	1197	350	4	41	2	13	56	9	739
Province 5	4897	1993	504	8	61	0	12	73	2	843
Karnali Province	3301	843	511	0	23	0	0	23	4	1059
Sudurpaschim Province	3844	2025	255	38	43	1	20	64	31	538
Total	26587	8282	3113	105	348	3	104	455	71	5433

Note: This report does not include information from hospitals in Kathmandu valley.

Source: NEOC, Ministry of Home Affairs and Provincial Health Directorate, 20th Chaitra 2076 (1 April 2020)

Criteria and Guidelines:

- 1) <u>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</u>
- 2) COVID-19 SOP, Case Investigation and Tracing form
- 3) Protocol for ILI clinics (COVID-19 screening fever clinics)

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