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**Bulletin**

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WHO has declared the Novel Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) as a pandemic on 11th March, 2020 affecting 151 countries/ territories/areas. In this context, Government of West Bengal has strengthened the surveillance and control measures against the disease. As on today total 81093 travelers / persons have been screened at Kolkata & Bagdogra Airport and 561601 persons have been screened at seven Land Border Check Points along Nepal and Bangladesh. Also 5258 crew members of ships have been screened in three Ports. Till date **23040** travelers from COVID-19 affected countries have been identified and placed under surveillance. For **1282** of them the surveillance period has been over. **119** are admitted in isolation facility. Rest **21639** is under home surveillance. Till date samples were collected from **190** suspects for test of COVID-19 and the results of **167** persons were negative. Samples from **nine** persons have come as positive till now. Lab results of **14** suspects are awaited. The health condition of all persons under surveillance is stable including the patients admitted in Isolation. A 24X7 control room is operating in the State Head Quarter. Isolation facilities with total 472 beds have been arranged in different Medical Colleges, District Hospitals, Sub-divisional Hospitals and Multi-specialty Hospitals across the State.

In the background of the present COVID-19 outbreak, the general public is advised to adhere to health advisories issued by the State Government. All the guidelines for health and hygiene are posted on [www.wbhealth.gov.in](http://www.wbhealth.gov.in). People at large should follow the cough etiquette by covering the nose and mouth using handkerchief/towel while sneezing/coughing and do frequent hand-washing with soap and water. Those who have arrived from the COVID-19 affected countries should remain under home quarantine for 14 days from the date of arrival in India, even if they do not have any symptoms. They should contact the Help Line no. given below in case they develop fever with cough/difficulty of breathing during this period or further 2 weeks.

### Status of State Surveillance of COVID-19 at a glance

Sl. No.	Category	New added on 24.03.2020	Cumulative till 24.03.2020
1.	Passengers enlisted for observation	31	23040
2.	Passengers kept under home surveillance	31	22921**
3.	Passengers kept under hospital isolation	15	216 (presently in hospital isolation-119)
4.	No. of suspects from whom samples collected for test of COVID-19	18	190
5.	No. of person whose reports received	48	176
6.	No. of person tested positive	2 <sup>#</sup>	9
7.	No. of person expired	0	1

\*\* Twelve hundred eighty two (1282) persons have completed the surveillance period. Hence 21639 persons are under home surveillance as on date.

# One male (58 yrs) who returned from Egypt and one female (55 yrs) who returned from UK, have tested positive.

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