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WHO has declared the Novel Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) as a pandemic on 11th March, 2020 affecting 171 countries/ territories/areas. In this context, Government of West Bengal has strengthened the surveillance and control measures against the disease. As on today total 79082 travelers / persons have been screened at Kolkata & Bagdogra Airport and 481238 persons have been screened at seven Land Border Check Points along Nepal and Bangladesh. Also 4792 crew members of ships have been screened in three Ports. Till date **20190** travelers from COVID-19 affected countries have been identified and placed under surveillance. For **300** of them the surveillance period has been over. Total **29** are admitted in isolation facility on date. Rest **19602** are under home surveillance. Till date samples were collected from 105 suspects for test of COVID-19 and the results of **85** persons were negative. Samples from **two** persons have come as positive till now. The health condition of all persons under surveillance is stable including both the patients admitted in Isolation. A 24X7 control room is operating in the State Head Quarter. Isolation facilities with total 394 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 20.03.2020	Cumulative till 20.03.2020
1.	Passengers enlisted for observation	1118	20200
2.	Passengers kept under home surveillance	1128*	19902**
3.	Passengers kept under hospital isolation	14	122 (presently in hospital isolation-29)
4.	No. of suspects from whom samples collected for test of COVID-19	17	104
5.	No. of person whose reports received	10	87
6.	No. of person tested positive	1#	2

\* Ten (10) passengers who were released from hospital isolation, have been put under home surveillance.

\*\* Three hundred (300) persons have completed the surveillance period. Hence 19602 persons are under home surveillance as on date.

# One male, aged 22 years who had returned from UK on 13th March, 2020 was tested positive. He is kept admitted in isolation ward.

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