

Union of Myanmar
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Request to the Public ([Link](#))

1. The World Health Organization (WHO) has characterized the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) as a pandemic on 11 March 2020.
2. Therefore, the Central Committee on Prevention, Control, and Treatment of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus, which had been established on 30 January 2020, has been upgraded and reformed as a national level on 13 March 2020.
3. The public shall refrain from holding mass gatherings and festivities, including enjoying Thingyan Water Festival, as the COVID-19 can spread fastest in public gathering. Therefore, all the festivities shall not be allowed effective from today till 30 April 2020, and this period may be extended as required.
4. The Ministry of Health and Sports has been updating the situation of Persons Under Investigation and suspected patients of COVID-19, as well as the laboratory results of them, timely. As of 12 March 2020, 10 PM, no laboratory-confirmed cases have not been found in Myanmar.
5. Therefore, the people are advised not to believe the disinformation, which are created with an intent to cause public anxiety, and to exactly follow the statements by the Ministry of Health and Sports, and to inform nearest health department, through District/Township/Ward/Village administrators, if anyone notices suspected patients in the neighborhood.