

MoHS Statement on COVID-19 (9 March 2020, 8:00PM) ([Link](#))
(Unofficial translation by OCHA)

1. The Ministry of Health and Sports (MoHS) has been working on monitoring and preventive measures of the COVID-19, which has been spreading globally, at international entrances/gates, at public hospitals and among communities, as well as in cooperation with private hospitals.
2. In doing so;
 - (a) A 1.2-year-old Babyboy has been suffering from fever, sluggishness, abnormal breathing and unable or refusing to eat since 6 March 2020. He arrived at Magway General Hospital on 8 March 2020, then together with her mother, the Babyboy has been isolated and treated as a Person Under Investigation. His nasal swab will be sent and tested at the National Health Laboratory (NHL) in Yangon. It was learnt the father of the Babyboy returned from China on 29 March 2020.
 - (b) A 32-year-old woman in Aungmyaythazan Township of Mandalay Region has been suffering from fever, coughing and difficult breath for a month, and hemoptysis for two weeks, then she arrived at the Mandalay General Hospital. Despite no history for close contacts with suspected patients and no travel history within past 14 days, as she has acute respiratory symptoms, she was transferred to Kandawnadi Hospital. She has been treated in an isolation room as a PUI and her nasal swab will be tested at the NHL in Yangon.
 - (c) A 44-year-old man in Nyaung Thone Pin Village, Htantabin Township of Yangon Region, has been suffering from fever, coughing, sore throat and breathing difficulty since 8 March 2020, then he arrived at the Yangon General Hospital on the same day. Despite the patients has no travel history to affected areas and no contacts with suspected patients, he currently has acute respiratory symptoms, he has been isolated and treated as a PUI in the Yangon General Hospital. According to the results from the NHL in Yangon on 9 March 2020, he tested negative for COVID-19.
 - (d) A 34-year-old pregnant woman in Bago Township of Bago Region returned from Malaysia to Myanmar on 9 March 2020. On his arrival at the Yangon International Airport, he was found out having a fever since 8 March 2020, so he was sent to Weibargi Hospital. He has been isolated and treated as a PUI and his nasal swab will be tested at the NHL in Yangon.
 - (e) A 43-year-old man in Kyauktaga Township of Bago Region has been suffering from fever and coughing for three weeks and arrived at the Kyauktaga Township Hospital on 8 March 2020. He has been treated in an isolation room as a PUI and his nasal swab will be tested at the NHL in Yangon. He has no other acute respiratory symptoms and he arrived back from Thailand on 26 February 2020.
 - (f) A 39-year-old man in Pauk Township of Magway Region has been suffering from fever and cough since 8 March 2020 and then arrived at the Pakokku General Hospital on the same day. He has been treated in an isolation room as a PUI and his nasal swab will be tested at the NHL in Yangon. He has no acute respiratory symptoms. The man has been working at the border of Thailand and Malaysia [in Thailand] and returned to Pakokku via Myawaddy border [in Kayin State] on 8 March 2020.
 - (g) A 23-year-old man in Pindaya Town in Shan State (South) left China on 4 March 2020 and arrived in Muse Town of Shan State (North) on 8 March 2020, and then in Pindaya Town on 9 March 2020. He arrived at the Pindaya Township General Hospital as he has a fever. He has been treated as a PUI and his nasal swab will be tested at the NHL in Yangon. No other acute respiratory symptoms were found.

3. According to the results by the NHL in Yangon released in the evening on 9 March, the following seven PUIs tested negative for COVID-19.
 - (a) A 26-year-old PUI of US citizen, from Latha Township of Yangon Region, being under treatment and surveillance in Weibargi Hospital.
 - (b) An 18-year-old girl, who has been studying in Bangkok of Thailand, being under treatment and surveillance in Hpa-an Township General Hospital [of Kayin State].
 - (c) A 25-year-old man, who is an assistant doctor, being under treatment and surveillance in Kandawnadi Hospital.
 - (d) A 24-year-old pregnant woman, from Shwepyitha Township of Yangon Region, being under treatment and surveillance in Insein General Hospital.
 - (e) A 52-year-old man of Republic of Korea citizen from Seoul Town, being under treatment and surveillance in Weibargi Hospital.
 - (f) A 38-year-old women from Amarapura Township of Mandalay Region, being under treatment and surveillance in Kandawnadi Hospital.
 - (g) A 44-year-old from Nyaung Thone Pin Village, Htantabin Township of Yangon Region, being under treatment and surveillance in Yangon General Hospital.
4. As of 9 March 2020 (6:00 PM), a total of 11 patients have been treated under surveillance in designated hospitals.
5. As the information shared by the pilot, two Myanmar citizens were among the passengers on a flight from Daegu Town of Republic of Korea, a place with highest cases of COVID-19, that landed Yangon International Airport of Myanmar in the night of 8 March 2020. The two have no fever, and neither acute respiratory symptoms. And they had no close contacts with laboratory-confirmed patients of COVID-19 as well. However, since they resided in a Daegu town with highest cases, the two Myanmar citizens were sent to South Okkalapa Women and Children Hospital and will be quarantined for 14 days to be under surveillance.
6. The MoHS has been speeding up monitoring although there were no laboratory-confirmed cases as of 8 March 2020. The MoHS calls on people to exactly follow the MoHS health guidelines as the COVID-19 has been spreading in China and other 94 countries in the world, including neighboring countries.

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