

**MoHS Statement on Novel Coronavirus (24 February 2020, 9:00PM) ([Link](#))**  
(Unofficial translation by OCHA)

1. Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has been spreading in 28 countries including China, and the World Health Organization (WHO) updated as below (as of 15:30 Myanmar Standard Time on 23 February 2020).

- Globally
  - Confirmed cases - 78,811
  - Deaths - 2,462
- China
  - Confirmed cases - 77,042
  - Deaths - 2,445
- Countries outside China - 28
  - Laboratory-confirmed cases - 1,769
  - Death - 17
    - Philippines 1
    - Japan 1
    - France 1
    - South Korea 5
    - Iran 5
    - Italy 2
    - Diamond Princess Cruise 2

(Note: In Hubei Province of China, the centre of coronavirus outbreak, clinically diagnosed cases in addition to laboratory-confirmed cases were counted.)

**2. COVID-19 in Myanmar**

| No confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Myanmar as of 24 February 2020 |    |
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| Situation Update (31.01.2020 – 24.02.2020)                       |    |
| Person Under Investigation (PUI)                                 | 38 |
| Suspected patient  | 2  |
| Total  | 40 |

**Situation Update about PUIs and Suspected Patients (31.01.2020 – 24.02.2020)**

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| Patients tested negative for COVID-19                      | 40 (38 PUIs and 2 suspected patients) |
| Waiting for test result from a designated laboratory       | -                                     |
| Cases under the National Health Laboratory (NHL) in Yangon | -                                     |
| Cases to be sent to NHL in Yangon                          | -                                     |
| Total  | 40                                    |

The 40 PUIs and suspected patients included:

- People who had travelled to China - 36
- People who returned from Singapore - 2
- People who had not travelled to China - 2

3. As of 24 February, there were 4 patients/PUIs left at designated hospitals in relevant Regions/States, who were in good health, although they tested negative for COVID-19.
4. Regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and spread in China and other countries, the MoHS has been working on;
  - (a) monitoring and preventive measures at international gates/entrances such as Yangon International Airport, Mandalay International Airport and Nay Pyi Taw International Airport, as well as ports and,
  - (b) border gates- especially in Pang War-Chipwi, Waingmaw, Momauk towns in Kachin State and Muse, Namhkan and Laukkaing towns in northern Shan State that border with China's Yunnan Province, where as,
    - ensuring the filling-in of Health Declaration Cards,
    - monitoring suspected cases, investigating and contact tracing by relevant Region/State Health Department, General Administrative Department and other departments concerned, in cooperation with hotels and guest houses;
  - (c) conducting hospital-based surveillance,
  - (d) conducting community-based surveillance,
  - (e) cooperating with private hospitals and
  - (f) cooperating with other ministries concerned.
5. Public/General Hospitals at central level and Region/State levels
  - (a) has prepared Intensive Care Unit (ICU), Isolation Ward medicines and medical equipments as required.
  - (b) has defined the Kandawnadi Hospital in Mandalay City of Mandalay Region as a designated hospital and prepared ICU and Isolation Ward at the hospital in case of epidemic-prone disease.
  - (c) has defined hospitals close to border gates- District General Hospital (Muse Town), General Hospital (Lashio Town), Sao San Tun General Hospital (Taunggyi Town), General Hospital (Myitkyina Town), and General Hospital (Kengtung Town)- as designated hospitals.
6. The MoHS has been conducting public health awareness through State-run media and radio, updating regularly on the MoHS's website ([www.mohs.gov.mm](http://www.mohs.gov.mm)) and social media (<https://www.facebook.com/MinistryOfHealthAndSportsMyanmar> and <https://www.facebook.com/MyanmarCDC>), as well as disseminating leaflets, stickers, posters at public places, especially at schools, hotels and guest houses, pagodas, cinemas, factories and workplaces, bus stops and markets.
7. In each Region/State, the MoHS conducts;
  - (a) active surveillance and contact tracing of suspected patients,
  - (b) prohibition and limiting on travels as quarantine measures,
  - (c) referral of suspected patients and PUI to designated hospitals,
  - (d) health education,
  - (e) daily and immediate reporting about cases, and
  - (f) coordination with relevant ministries and stakeholders.
8. In addition, the MoHS has ensured that the hospitals in each Region/State are prepared and have adequate medical equipments- ventilators, humidifiers, pulse oxymeters, defibrillators, electrocardiograms, non-contact thermometers, PPEs, N-95 masks, surgical masks and hand gels.
9. The MoHS has been speeding up on monitoring and preventive measures on COVID-19, in cooperation with other relevant ministries, and national and international organizations. [THE END]