**MoHS Statement on COVID-19 (24 March 2020, 8:00PM) (**[**Link**](https://www.facebook.com/MinistryOfHealthAndSportsMyanmar/posts/3272984239397525?__tn__=K-R)**)**

***(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, there were 23 new Persons Under Investigation (PUI) reported between 23 March 2020 (6:00 PM) and 24 March 2020 (6:00 Noon). (**See Table 1**).
3. As of 24 March 2020, at 8:00 PM, a total of 25 PUIs have been treated under surveillance at designated hospitals and laboratory test results for them will be released when available.
4. Thailand released and handed over 92 Myanmar prisoners, who had been detained in respective prisons in Thailand, to Myanmar at Thai-Myanmar Friendship Bridge No.2 in Tachileik of eastern Shan State. Of them, 11 were found with high fever. Hence, they have been treated as PUIs in Tachileik General Hospital and their nasal swab samples will be sent and tested at the National Health Laboratory (NHL) in Yangon. The remaining 81 people have also been quarantined for 14 days at a meditation center in Tachileik Town.
5. Family members and people who closely contacted with the 36-year-old infected man in Tedim Township of Chin State have also quarantined at home. In addition, the community in Kaptel Village have also been instructed to stay home and not to go outside the village. A doctor from PSI, who closely treated the infected man, has also been quarantined at hospital and his nasal swab samples will be tested. The MoHS has also call on the people, who had contacted with the infected patient, to immediately inform nearest health centers.

* The infected patient with his mother left Washington DC of the USA on 13 March 2020 and arrived at the Yangon International Airport on 15 March 2020 via Doha of Qatar.
* He flew with Myanmar National Airways (UB-503) from Yangon to Kalay Airport of Sagaing Region and arrived at Kalay Town at 2:30 PM on 15 March 2020.
* He stayed at Tat Oo Thida, Yadanapon Street in Kalay Town from 15 to 17 March 2020. On 15 March, he visited a gold shop and on 16 March, he got photographed for pre-wedding at Cherry Photo Studio.
* On 17 March, he left Kalay Town for Tidem on Pyi Chit Thar Bus, on which there were 12 passengers.
* He spent a night at Lwebwar Ward in Tidem Town and continued to Kaptel Village with a AG Church Car on 18 March 2020.
* In the morning of 19 March, he started suffering from fever and visited at the PSI Clinic in the village at 8:00 AM.
* The doctor from PSI Clinic has also been quarantined at a building in the compound of the Tidem General Hospital.
* People who had been contacted with the infected man on his way back to Tedim are requested to inform nearest health centers.

1. The MoHS has been speeding up monitoring. The MoHS calls on people to strictly follow the MoHS health guidelines as the COVID-19 has been spreading now in 189 countries in the world, including China and neighboring countries.

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