



Health Sector Response to Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

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On 31 December 2019, the first case of 2019-nCoV was reported from Hubei Province of China. This disease has spread over 14 countries outside China. As per the WHO, there has been very little epidemiological information available about the infectivity, intensity of human - to - human transmission and disease severity of the new 2019-nCoV. Although reported case fatality of the novel coronavirus infection is low with compared to previous Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS). But it is too early to compare as several information on 2019-nCoV are yet to come.

Current Global status on 2019-nCoV

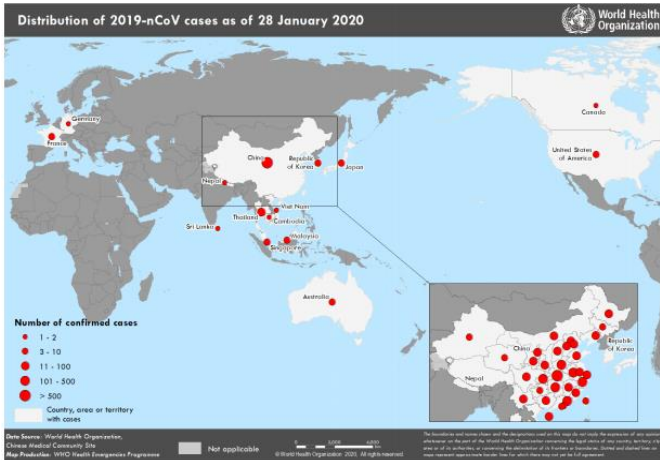
Globally **confirmed cases: 4593**
China confirmed cases: 4537
Deaths: 106

WHO RISK ASSESSMENT

China: **Very High**
Regional Level: High
Global Level: High

Outside China: 14 countries
Confirmed cases: 56

(*as of 28 January 2020)



Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) has not been declared and travel and trade restriction is not recommended however intermediate level of alertness is recommended by WHO. As per the WHO recommendation Nepal is instituting surveillance, early detection, isolation, case management and other several interventions for its containment.

Current status on 2019-nCoV, Nepal

First case of 2019-nCoV was confirmed in Nepal on 23 January 2020 and 3 suspected cases which were under evaluation all tested negative by National Public Health Laboratory (NPHL) for 2019-nCoV on 28 January 2020. No other new suspected case has been reported till date.

Positive: 1	Negative: 3	Pending: 0	Total: 4
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*as of 29 January 2020; 16:00 hrs.

Key National Response

- 5 Hub Hospitals and 13 key Satellite Hospitals have reported a dedicated space with isolation facilities for 2019-nCoV.
- Continued thermal scanning and 24/7 operation of health desk at Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA). No suspected cases have been found today.
- NPHL started for laboratory confirmatory diagnosis of 2019-nCoV. No sample has been received today.
- Dedicated ambulance is positioned at TIA for safe transfer of 2019-nCoV cases to designated hospitals
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is prepositioned at Patan Hospital (15), Sukra Raj Tropical and Infectious disease (5), TIA (5) and additional stock is maintained.
- 50 Standee, One Hundred thousand Brochure is ready for IEC.
- MoHP is holding a high-level official meeting daily under the chairmanship of the secretary for close monitoring of the situation
- High level technical team has been formed to monitor the situation across the hub and satellite hospitals network in Kathmandu valley.
- Regular communication mechanism is established between HEOC, PHEOC and MoSD for containment of 2019-nCoV and is functional.
- Out of Eight; 7 persons who had visited Sukra Raj Tropical and Infectious Disease Hospital were sent home after preliminary examination which revealed no sign and symptoms of 2019-nCoV clinically. One case is under observation.

Resources:

Additional resources on 2019-nCoV can be accessed via MoHP/HEOC or EDCD Web Portals/ Social Media Page. Ministry of Health and Population acknowledges and appreciates the support received from all the health authorities and partners for the health sector interventions

2019-nCoV IEC	Press Release MoHP	Technical Guidance
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