



## Epidemiology Unit

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#### (2019-nCoV) - Situation Report – 2020.01.29 – 10.00am

- An outbreak of pneumonia of unknown reason was first reported on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 from Wuhan City in Hubei Province of China.
- On 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020, it was diagnosed as “Novel Corona Virus”
- As of January 28, 2020 the Novel Coronavirus has been reported from 14 countries with 4593 confirmed cases and 106 deaths.
- The incubation period is reported as 2-10 days
- Initially, the disease was reported to be spread from animal to human but now the human to human transmission has been observed.
- First confirmed case of Coronavirus infected person was reported from Sri Lanka on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020. The patient was a Chinese national who came to Sri Lanka as a tourist 2 weeks ago. As at now, there is only a single confirmed patients in Sri Lanka.
- The patient is admitted to the National Institute of Infectious Diseases (NIID).
- So far 16 other suspected individuals are at NIID under surveillance.
- 12 hospitals around the country have been identified as the treatment centers for the suspected persons. (NIID, TH Ragama, DGH Gampaha, DGH Negombo, National Hospital Kandy, TH Karapitiya, TH Anuradhapura, TH Jaffna, TH Kurunegala, PGH Rathnapura, TH Batticaloa, PGH Badulla)
- Returning Sri Lankan students (also those who visited China due to other purposes during last 14 days) who were in China are advised to stay in their homes with minimal contacts with others for a period of 2 weeks from the day of arrival to Sri Lanka. In the event of the development of symptoms, inform the area PHI / MOH office and seek treatment at the closest above identified-hospitals. (Please read the special guideline prepared for them)
- In the current Sri Lankan context, there is no scientific justification to wear face mask by the general public including children, routinely.

#### Global Situation

- 4593 confirmed cases with 106 deaths

#### Local Situation

- One (1) confirmed patient

#### Main preventive modalities

- Avoid close contact with people suffering from flu
- Frequent hand washing
- Avoid contacts with live or dead animal
- Always cover the nose and mouth while coughing or sneezing (with disposable tissue / cloth or cough to the bent elbow)
- Do not touch mouth / nose / eyes unnecessarily.
- Avoid crowded places

#### Surveillance at airport

- Thermal scanners are in place
- On arrival “Health Declaration Form”
- 24 x 7 health desk