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WHO has declared the recent Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) epidemic affecting 125 countries & territories as International Public Health Emergency of International Concern. In this context, Government of West Bengal has strengthened the surveillance and control measures against the disease. As on today total 74978 travelers / persons have been screened at Kolkata & Bagdogra Airport and 280362 persons have been screened at seven Land Border Check Points along Nepal and Bangladesh. Also 3989 crew members of ships have been screened in three Ports. Till date **12244** travelers from COVID-19 affected countries have been identified and placed under surveillance. For **248** of them the surveillance period has been over. **Eighteen** are admitted in isolation facility on date. Rest **11978** are under home surveillance. Till date **70** samples have been sent to National Institute of Virology (NIV) Pune, ICMR-NICED, Kolkata and IPGMER, Kolkata for test of COVID-19. Results of **69** samples are negative. **One** sample has come positive. The health condition of all the persons under surveillance is stable. A 24X7 control room is operating in the State Head Quarter. Isolation facilities with total 163 beds have been arranged in the following hospitals across the State: ID & BG Hospital, Kolkata, North Bengal MCH, RG Kar MCH, NRS MCH, IPGMER, Kolkata, Calcutta Medical College, Calcutta National Medical College, COM & Sagar Datta Hospital, Dr. BC Roy PGIPS, COM & JNM Hospital, Imambara DH & Arambag SDH, Hooghly, Howrah DH & Satyabala ID Hospital, Howrah, Basirhat DH, Diamond Harbour GMCH, Kakdwip SDH, Medinipur MCH, Rampurhat GMCH, Bankura Sammilani MCH, Purulia GMCH, Malda MCH, Murshidabad MCH, Raiganj GMCH, Coochbehar GMCH and Alipurduar DH.

In the background of the present COVID-19 outbreak, the general public is advised to adhere to health advisories issued by the State Government. All the guidelines for health and hygiene are posted on www.wbhealth.gov.in. People at large should follow the cough etiquette by covering the nose and mouth using handkerchief/towel while sneezing/coughing and do frequent hand-washing with soap and water. Those who have arrived from the COVID-19 affected countries should remain under home isolation for 28 days from the date of arrival in India, even if they do not have any symptoms. They should contact the Help Line no. given below in case they develop fever with cough or difficulty of breathing during this period.

Status of State Surveillance of COVID-19 at a glance

Sl. No.	Category	New added on 17.03.2020	Cumulative till 17.03.2020
1.	Passengers enlisted for observation	43	12244
2.	Passengers kept under home surveillance	36*	12226**
3.	Passengers kept under hospital isolation	10	83 (presently in hospital isolation-18)
4.	No. of samples collected for test of COVID-19	8	70
5.	No. of reports received	8	70
6.	No. of samples tested positive	1 [#]	1

** Two hundred & forty eight (248) persons have completed the surveillance period.
Hence 12226 persons are under home surveillance as on date.

One male aged 18 years who had returned from UK on 15th March has tested positive today. He is kept in isolation.

Director of Health Services