



nCorona Virus Outbreak Control and Prevention State Cell  
Health & Family Welfare Department  
Government of Kerala

SUB: nCorona - Health advisory for Transport sector - Transport - Motor Vehicle Department - dated 6th Feb 2020

In the light of nCorona virus outbreak in Kerala the Wuhan returnees and their contacts are under Home isolation and Hospital isolation. There are people returning from Wuhan/ China and other affected countries. All these people are either coming back by flights or through other means if they are coming from place to place. There are specific measures already taken at all alighting point, however in order to educate the Taxi drivers and others the following advisory is issued.

1. Sensitisation of drivers on novel Corona infection and its prevention needs to be imparted especially in transit areas (airports, seaports, railway stations) as well as in key tourist places.

2. Travellers from China and other novel corona affected countries are being screened for symptoms at airports, seaports and are immediately shifted to hospitals if found symptomatic of nCorona virus infection. Therefore drivers need not be concerned about transporting travellers from these countries.

3. The daily updated list of nCorona affected countries are available from the website [www.who.int/](http://www.who.int/). 3. Drivers may politely enquire about the travel history of passengers to China or other corona affected country in the last 14 days and can transport these passengers as mentioned below:

- Avoid air conditioning while travelling and keep the windows open
- The driver and passengers should wear a triple layer mask
- The driver and passengers should perform hand washing frequently

4. If any passenger is having fever, cough, running nose, in addition to the above mentioned points the following should be observed:
- Ask the passenger to contact Health desk at the Air port, Sea port for proper handling of the passenger with symptoms.
  - If without noticing the passenger with symptoms is taken to the place of stay i.e. Hotel/ Resort/ Home stay etc. the surfaces of contact (seat cover, door handles, windows, seat belt etc) by the sick passenger should be sanitized with lysol / ecoshield / silvex after the journey.
5. Triple layer mask and hand sanitizers shall be kept by the drivers.
6. A message on the "do's and don'ts", Signs and symptoms, and designated Hospital chart regarding nCorona infection should be posted inside the vehicle, visible to the passengers. The Department of Health is producing the stickers. Motor vehicle department at the entry points of Airports, Sea ports and Railway stations may apply the stickers inside the Taxi/ Three wheelers visible to passenger.
7. Additional information can be sought from DISHA Helpline -1056 or 0471- 2552056.
8. Transport department may conduct a meeting with all the stakeholders to do capacity building.
9. Transport department may open up a Cell at the state head quarters. At district level the respective district transport officer shall coordinate with the District Collector to take measures for prevention and control of nCorona virus.

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