

The Ethiopian Public Health Institute's (EPHI) Press Statement on Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

World Wide

- By the time this press release was compiled, according to the World Health Organization (WHO) report on March 11, 2020 there are one hundred thirteen thousand eight hundred fifty one (113,851) confirmed cases and four thousand fifteen (4,015) have died because of COVID-19.
- 110 countries have reported COVID-19 cases.

National

- Five hundred twenty one thousand seven hundred ninety five (521,795) passengers have passed through all the point of entries to the country.
- Two hundred ninety nine thousand nine hundred ninety seven (299,997) have passed through the seven screening gates at Bole International Airport and out of these seven thousand one hundred thirteen (7,113) are from countries that reported confirmed COVID-19 cases.
- Passengers who come from countries that reported COVID-19 cases have filled health report forms and were under follow up for 14 days, 1,224 have completed their follow up and currently 974 are under follow up.
- Indifferent times 54 individuals were made to stay at the isolation center as of January 24, 2020 and all the laboratory tests for the 49 individuals were negative thus the individuals have joined the community. Currently there are five individuals in the centers expecting the laboratory result.
- 45% of the samples which were tested for COVID-19 at EPHI's laboratory were sent to South Africa for quality assurance test and the results turned out to be the same, all are negative.
- Additional reagents for COVID-19 laboratory test have been supplied by CDC.
- A discussion chaired by Press Secretariat's head Ato Nigusu Tilahun was conducted with media house heads.
- Orientation has been given to Health Care Associations and training is being given to Federal offices and Ministry of Health's agencies public relations officers.

Precaution

If you have arrived from COVID-19 (Corona Virus disease) affected countries:

- Avoid close contact with other people as you proceed to your home and stay in isolation from family members or friends for 14 days
- Please provide the right information about your health situation for follow up teams who call you daily for 14 days
- If you experience fever, cough and shortness of breath, call 8335 immediately for medical help.

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