Current information on COVID-19

World Wide

- By the time this press release was compiled, according to the World Health Organization (WHO) report on March 6, 2020 there are ninety seven thousand nine hundred ninety three (97,993) confirmed cases and three thousand three hundred eighty one (3,381) have died because of COVID-19.
- 87 countries including the new reports from South Africa, Palestine and Yugoslavia have reported COVID-19 cases

National

- Since March 4, 2020 fourteen thousand one hundred forty (14,140) passengers have passed through all the point of entries to the country.
- During the same period fourteen thousand three hundred fifty (14,350) have passed through the seven screening gates at Bole International Airport and out of these three hundred eighty two (382) 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, 93 have completed their follow up. Totally 855 have completed the follow up and currently 910 are under follow up.
- Starting from March 4, 2020; eight new rumors were received by the Institute’s Public Health Emergency Operation Center and all were investigated. From these rumors two individual are isolated until the laboratory result is known and the Institute will announce as soon as the results arrive.
- Indifferent times 27 passengers were made to stay at the isolation center as of January 24, 2020 and all the laboratory tests were negative thus the individuals have joined the community.

On Going Activities

Orientation and capacity building trainings have continued to be conducted:
• Orientation is being given to members of the Ministry of Defense from headquarters, eastern, western and south divisions. Also orientation is underway to high ranking officers from Air Force, Federal Police, Federal Hospital and hospitals from Addis Ababa.
• Orientation is underway to more than 35 Rapid Response Team group members.
• The screening process at all points of entries have continued.
• Efforts are underway to completely deliver necessary medical equipment to all airports, inland entries and isolation centers in the country.
• In addition to passengers from China passengers from Korea, Japan, Iran and Italy are filling health report forms and will be followed up.
• A Table-Top Exercise (TTX) on COVID-19 has been conducted.
• Different materials have been produced to create society awareness.
• The orientation and training to Bole International Airport employees has continued.

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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