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PHB/PHEIC/nCoV/2020/15-24

Date: 23 JAN 2020

To,
All Shipping Agencies,
Operating in Mumbai Port Trust,
Mumbai

Subject: Novel Coronavirus (nCoV) Outbreak in Wuhan City, Hubei province of
China- reg :-

Ref: - 1. D.O.Letter Z.28015/01/2020 EMR dated 17/01/2020, from Secretary,
Health & Family Welfare Govt. of India

2. Letter from International Health/PH Section, DGHS, MOHFW,
dated 15/01/2020.

Sir/Madam,

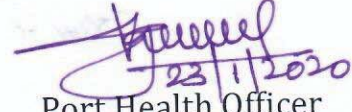
This is with reference of the subject Novel Corona virus (nCoV) outbreak in Wuhan City of China. The affected patients have been reported with the symptoms and radiological findings suggestive of bilateral pneumonia and few of them developed Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI). The exact mode of human to human transmission is not clear. Many epidemiological parameters of disease like source of infection, incubation period, mode of transmission, sub clinical cases are still unclear.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare continues to closely monitor the situation and reviewed the risk assessment for India.

As Ministry of Health & Family Welfare issued alert for preparedness and keep vigil for Public Health event. All Shipping Agencies are requested to submit vessel maritime declaration of health along with all requisite documents well in advance for the vessel coming from China and Hong Kong for speedy clearance and if needed for any preventive/medical measures.

Further time to time updates will be provided as received.

Thanking you,


23/1/2020
Port Health Officer
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Enclosure: as above

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1. PS to Chairman, MbPT, Mumbai for information.
2. Deputy Conservator, MBPT, Mumbai for information.
3. Traffic Manager, MbPT, Mumbai for information.
4. Sr. Deputy Traffic Manger (BDC), MbPT, Mumbai for information
5. Chief Medical Officer, Mumbai Port Hospital, Wadala
6. Additional Commissioner of Custom(Preventive),Mumbai Port, Mumbai
7. Sr. Commandant, CISF, for information.
8. Sr. Police Inspector (Immigration), Special Branch -II
9. President, MANSA, Mumbai with the request for circulation amongst members.
10. Assistant Director General(IH), DteGHS, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi



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Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

D.O. No. Z.28015/01/2020-EMR
Dated 17th January, 2020

Dear Colleague,

You must be aware of the recently reported novel Coronavirus (nCoV) outbreak in Wuhan city of China. The affected patients have been reported to have symptoms and radiological signs suggestive of bilateral Pneumonia and few of them have developed severe acute respiratory illness (SARI). In all, 41 cases have been reported so far from Wuhan city and China has not reported any new case after 3rd January, 2020. However apart from China, a travel related case, one each, has been reported from Thailand and Japan.

WHO has further conveyed that there is no clear evidence of sustained human-to-human transmission and there is no reporting of case among healthcare workers or known contacts of the patients. However many crucial epidemiological parameters of this disease like source of infection, incubation period, modes of transmission, sub-clinical infections etc. are still under investigation. As per WHO risk assessment, the risk for global spread, as of now, remains low.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare continues to closely monitor the situation and has reviewed the risk assessment for India and core capacities needed to prepare for and respond to a possible disease importation. Airport Health Organizations at major international airports have started entry screening to isolate and manage suspect cases. All major International airports with connectivity to China will have advisory prominently displayed for self-reporting by travelers who are ill at the time of disembarkation. Ministry of Civil Aviation has been requested to facilitate entry screening and to issue instructions for airlines to follow International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) guidelines for managing and notifying anybody reporting illness on flights originating from China and disembarking in India. A travel advisory has been issued which can be seen at www.mohfw.gov.in.

Any travel related case, reported in the community would be picked up and contacts shall be followed up by Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme. National Institute of Virology, Pune is fully geared up to test samples of nCoV. 10 other laboratories under Indian Council of Medical Research's Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratories network are also equipped to test such samples, if a need arises. Risk communication materials will be made available in case there is a community outbreak, chances of which are deemed to be minimal. Adequate stock of Personal Protective Equipment is available, that can be provided to the State in a crisis situation. However this is an apt opportunity for the States to get reviewed the preparedness, identify gaps and strengthen core capacities in the area of surveillance, laboratory support infection prevention & control, logistics, risk communication and in particular, hospital preparedness in terms of isolation and ventilator management of critically ill patients of SARI.

We will update you on further developments in case WHO upscales the global risk.

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Yours sincerely,

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Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs.