

COVID19 Update

Union Health Secretary writes to Maharashtra, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, and West Bengal

States urged to take prompt steps and to keep a 'strict vigil' to curb recent spike in COVID cases

States advised against any laxity which may squander the results gained so far

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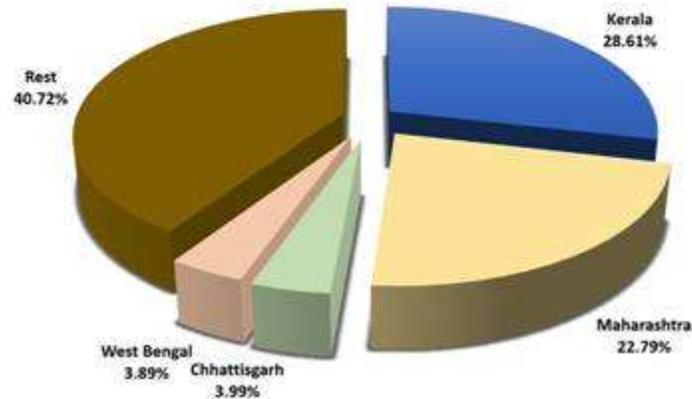
The Union Health Secretary has written to Maharashtra, Kerala, Chhattisgarh and West Bengal urging them to take steps to curb the spike in COVID19 cases. These States are reporting an upsurge in the number of daily news cases in the recent days.

The States have been advised to maintain a 'strict vigil' and to take steps to keep a check on the rising cases, especially in view of the new strain of the virus being observed in certain countries which has also been reported in a few States in the India. The Health Secretary has drawn the attention of the States to the low and declining testing rates in the States, stating that any laxity at this crucial junction may squander the results of our collective actions in containing the transmission. They have been advised to analyse the surge at the district and sub-district levels to understand the reasons for this rise and plan adequate measures proactively to curb the same. Aggressively implementation of the "Test-Track-Treat" strategy adopted by the country has been strongly advised now more than ever by the Union Health Secretary. The health authorities in the States have also been advised to proactively promote wearing of mask and other COVID appropriate behaviours even while the vaccination drive is about to begin. It is important to ensure that there is no complacency in the collective efforts in containment and management of COVID19, the Health Secretary has strongly reiterated.

The States have been assured of all necessary support of the Health Ministry required to manage the pandemic.

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The total COVID19 cases in Kerala are 7,90,882 which form 7.61% of the total cases. %. The Active Cases are 65,252 (comprising 28.61% of the total national figure). Total number of Recovered Cases is 7,22,421 accounting for Recovery Rate of 91.34, while the total deaths in the State are 3,209 with Case Fatality Rate of 0.41%. **The Daily Average cases in Kerala in the last 7 days are 5,023 whereas Daily Average Deaths in the last 7 days are 23.** The tests per million (TPM) of Kerala stand at 1,96,432 and Positivity Rate is 11.28%.

	Kerala	% Share in Total
Total Cases	7,90,882	7.61%
Total Recovered	7,22,421	7.21%
Total Deaths	3,209	2.13%
Active Cases	65,252	28.61%
Daily Average Cases in last 7 days	5,023	
Daily Average Deaths in last 7 days	23	
Recovered in last 7 days	4,227	
Case Fatality Rate	0.41%	
Recovery Rate	91.34%	
Doubling Time (in days)	106.68	
TPM	1,96,432	
Total Tests	70,12,513	
Daily Average Tests in last 7 days	51,524	
Overall Positivity rate	11.28%	
Weekly Positivity rate	9.75%	

The Health Secretary has expressed concern over the dip in the overall tests in the past two weeks in the state combined with increase in the Positivity Rate. The weekly Positivity Rate has been consistently above 11% for the past two weeks, while the case positivity rate for the country is less than 2.5% for the same period.

In view of the above, a high level central team led by Dr S K Singh, Director, National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) has been rushed by the Central Government to Kerala. The team

will review the public health interventions in management of COVID- 19 by the State Government and support the State health authorities in these measures.

Total Cases in Maharashtra stand at 19,54,553 accounting for 18.80% of the national figure. 18,52,759 patients have recovered in the State resulting in Recovery Rate of 94.79%. The **Active Cases in the State are 51,969 (amounting for 22.79% of national figure)**. The State has reported total of 49,825 fatalities, with CFR of 2.55%. The **Daily Average cases in Maharashtra in the last 7 days are 3,707 and Daily Average Deaths in the last 7 days are 51.**

The TPM is 1,02,870 while the State Positivity Rate is pegged at 15.43%.

	Maharashtra	% Share in Total
Total Cases	19,54,553	18.80%
Total Recovered	18,52,759	18.50%
Total Deaths	49,825	33.14%
Active Cases	51,969	22.79%
Daily Average Cases in last 7 days	3,707	
Daily Average Deaths in last 7 days	51	
Recovered in last 7 days	3,459	
Case Fatality Rate	2.55%	
Recovery Rate	94.79%	
Doubling Time (in days)	363.02	
TPM	1,02,870	
Total Tests	1,26,67,846	
Daily Average Tests in last 7 days	63,542	
Overall Positivity rate	15.43%	
Weekly Positivity rate	5.83%	

Chhattisgarh has registered 2,85,586 Total Cases (with % share in total being 2.75%) and 2,73,030 total number of recoveries with Recovery Rate of 95.60%. The Active Cases as on date are 9,109 (3.99% share in the national pie). The numbers of fatalities in the State is 3,447 and the Case Fatality Rate is 1.21%. **Daily Average cases in Chhattisgarh in the last 7 days are 1,006 whereas Daily Average Deaths in the last 7 days are 13.**

TPM is 1,16,744 with Positivity Rate of 8.31%.

	Chhattisgarh	% Share in Total
Total Cases	2,85,586	2.75%
Total Recovered	2,73,030	2.73%
Total Deaths	3,447	2.29%
Active Cases	9,109	3.99%
Daily Average Cases in last 7 days	1,006	
Daily Average Deaths in last 7 days	13	
Recovered in last 7 days	1,180	
Case Fatality Rate	1.21%	
Recovery Rate	95.60%	
Doubling Time (in days)	194.22	
TPM	1,16,744	
Total Tests	34,36,503	
Daily Average Tests in last 7 days	22,851	
Overall Positivity rate	8.31%	
Weekly Positivity rate	4.40%	

West Bengal is reporting 5,57,252 Total Cases (% Share in Total Cases – 5.36%), 5,38,521 Total Recovered with 96.64% Recovery Rate. It has **8,868 Active Cases comprising 3.89% of the national figure**. There have been 9,863 Total Deaths in the State accounting for Case Fatality Rate of 1.77% . **The Daily Average cases in West Bengal in the last 7 days are 908; Daily Average Deaths in the last 7 days are 25.**

The TPM are 71,762 and Positivity Rate is 7.80%.

	West Bengal	% Share in Total
Total Cases	5,57,252	5.36%
Total Recovered	5,38,521	5.38%
Total Deaths	9,863	6.56%
Active Cases	8,868	3.89%
Daily Average Cases in last 7 days	908	
Daily Average Deaths in last 7 days	25	
Daily Average Recovered in last 7 days	1,165	
Case Fatality Rate	1.77%	
Recovery Rate	96.64%	
Doubling Time (in days)	422.76	
TPM	71,762	
Total Tests	71,48,163	
Daily Average Tests in last 7 days	31,946	
Overall Positivity rate	7.80%	
Weekly Positivity rate	2.84%	

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