



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 February 18, 2020 there are seventy one thousand four hundred thirty two (71,432) confirmed cases and one thousand seven hundred seventy five (1,775) have died because of COVID-19.
- In Africa there is one confirmed case in Egypt.

National

- Currently there is no confirmed COVID-19 case in Ethiopia.
- Since January 24, 2020 one hundred forty six and three hundred fifty seven (146,357) passengers have passed through the seven screening at Bole International Airport and out of these 3,901 are from countries that reported confirmed COVID-19 cases. And from these passengers 697 are under follow up. Totally 248,734 passengers have passed through all the point of entries to the country.
- Until the time this press release was prepared there was one individual who had the COVID-19 symptoms and made to stay at the Isolation center. The laboratory result proved that he is negative, thus he was released from the Center.
- There were 60 rumors received by EPHI's Emergency Operation Center (EOC) and all have been investigated. Out of these rumors 17 had the COVID-19 symptoms and were in the Isolation Center until their laboratory

results indicated that all are negative and all of them were released from the Center.

- Different medical supplies that help to protect the disease are being distributed to health facilities.
- Key messages have been prepared in English and are also being translated to different local and international languages.
- Orientation Guides and Action Plans have been prepared and sent to the relevant bodies.
- COVID-19 risk Communication training has been delivered to different Federal Ministries' Public Relation Heads.
- Members of the House of Peoples Representatives have visited the EPHI's Emergency Operation Center, EPHI's laboratory and Eka Kotebe General Hospital.

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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