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Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma today said that out of 617 sample tested so far, 541 has tested negative and 67 results were awaited. He informed that currently 8 were active cases.

He said that 24,382 people screened and 49,391 calls have been received in the helpline numbers, while 2557 people are in quarantine. A total of 140 are in the primary contact list, while close to 4775 are in the secondary contact list.

He said that close to 30,000 PPEs are in stock right now, and by tonight itself government is receiving another 20,000 PPEs, which will add upto 50,000 PPEs.

He informed that the government has been allocated 4000 rapid test kits, and at the same time through different companies, the State government is also sourcing rapid test kits.

“25 new ambulances have been ordered with life support facilities. We expect to receive them in about four days time. These 25 new ambulances are being funded by the CMRF contribution, which all of you have made at different levels,” said the Chief Minister.

He said that 5.50 cr has been received in the CMRF and the funds will be invested in Corona Care Centres and other infrastructure requirements.

He informed that the government has decided to open grocery shops and essential commodities for four days in a week i.e Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm. “This is being done to ensure that there is more timing given to the people so that they can buy without having to crowd,” the Chief Minister added.

The wholesale will be open for three days in a week i.e Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

He visited designated Covid Hospital i.e Shillong Civil Hospital today along with Deputy Chief Minister Prestone Tynsong and held review meeting with the staffs in the hospital premises. “Reviewed the entire situation in the civil hospital today to ensure that all necessary arrangements are in place,” said the Chief Minister.

On usage of social media, the Chief Minister said, “I would like to stress that a lot of news and lot of information is flowing in in social media and I think we really need to act responsibly in these kind of situations. I am very upset to see that certain individuals were giving out lists of patients who had visited Bethany Hospital. And I think this goes completely against the privacy of these patients and it is very very incorrect for everybody to do that.”

He informed that an FIR in this case has been filed and action will be taken against those people who responsible for it.

He informed that government is in touch with ICMR to ensure that testing is made available at Nazareth Hospital Shillong. “We hope that we will get a positive response from ICMR very soon,” he said.

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Department	Particulars	Total
Health & Family Welfare	Testing	
	Number of samples sent for Testing	617
	Number of persons tested Negative	541
	Number of persons tested Positive	9 (8 Active)
	Number of test results awaited	67
	Screening & Contact Tracing	
	Total persons Screened	24,382
	Number of persons <u>in quarantine</u>	2,557
	A) Home Quarantine	105
	B) Institutional Quarantine	
	Number of phone calls received through helpline	49,391
	Number of persons contacted	18,573

	through IVRS	
	Contact Tracing Details	Primary - 140 Secondary - 4,755
	Health Infra Any additional infra on PPE, Mask etc.	PPEs : 29,084 3 Ply Mask : 3,24, 500 N95 Masks : 15,072 3.6 Lakh reusable masks have been received in the State.
	<p>4000 Rapid Test Kits allocated to the state. We are trying to get more.</p> <p>Wife of the Index Patient (Dr. Sailo) is stable, and in home quarantine.</p> <p>Domestic help of the Index Patient (Dr. Sailo) is stable and at Civil Hospital, Shillong.</p> <p>All other positive patients are under Home Quarantine.</p>	
Chief Minister Secretariat	Number of persons registered for CM's Special Grant for stranded people	6,052
	Number of persons verified for CM's Special Grant for	458

	stranded people	
	Number of persons provided financial assistance through CM's Special Grant for stranded people	Disbursement of Financial Assistance will start from 20/04/2020.
	Any new circular/ notification advisory issued as on date – copy be enclosed	Last date for applications to be accepted is on 19/04/2020 till 12.00 noon. (Notification No. CMS/COVID-19/2020/03 dtd 17th April, 2020.)
Labour Department	Number of Unorganised Labourers registered for Special Assistance of Rs. 2100/-	1,36,000
	Number of Labourers verified for Special Assistance of Rs. 2100/-	1,16,000
	Number of Labourers provided support under BOCW Act (Rs. 3000/- each)	9,302
Agriculture Department	Under PM Kisan Yojana, 25,830 farmers have been released an amount of Rs.2000/- each.	