



PROVINCIAL UPDATES FOR THE HEALTH CLUSTER MEETINGS

Province 1

NEW UPDATE FORM THE PROVINCE

- Total no of COVID -19 positive cases from Province 1 are 31 as of 29th April 2020.
- 28 cases are from a cluster of Bhulke Udayapur
- Among 12 cases from Bhulke community, 3 are recent India returnees.
- 2 cases are reported from Jhapa- Jhapa Gaupalika and Barhadashi Gaupalika respectively.
- 1 case has been reported from Bhojpur.

NEW UPDATE FORM THE PROVINCE...

- All 31 cases are being isolated at Koshi COVID hospital.
- All cases were and are asymptomatic at Koshi COVID hospital.
- Case investigation and contact tracing is satisfactorily ongoing.
- Total tests performed : PCR- Male-804 (positive-29) female – 281 (positive 2)
- RDT – male -4157 (positive -7) female -828 (positive-6)
- Isolation bed- 449 in 53 hospitals

ISSUES/NEEDS

- Insufficient logistics PPE , Masks ,sanitizer, googles ,face shield and HRH
- Need more VTM for rt PCR testing.
- Reporting problems form districts due to very few and busy staff
- MoHP support to Koshi hospital

ANY INNOVATIVE APPROACHES IN THE PROVINCIAL RESPONSE TO COVID-19

- Palika level participation in contact tracing is much welcoming.
- Co-ordination between Police, Army, Palikas and health Offices are much appreciated in all 3 districts, Bhojpur, Jhapa and Udayapur where cases have been identified.
- SOPs on case investigation, contact tracing and contact follow up has been translated into Nepali language and revised.

WAY FORWARD

| Issues | Actions to be done | Responsible Authorities |
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| Insufficient commodities supply | Prompt supply of commodities like PPE, Mask, gloves especially in the case of Province 1 as many cases has been identified in this Province. | MoHP/ Management division/Logistic Management division, Kathmandu |
| HRH | Requested to MoHP and also recruitment is ongoing (some HRH) | MoHP and MoSD |
| PCR testing issues | More PCR testing should be promoted so that active cases are not missed. | PPHL, NPHL |