

YOUR DISINFECTION EXPERTS

Coronavirus (2019 - nCoV) Contain COVID-19 PANDEMIC

16th March 2020

To date the number of confirmed infections of the novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak has now reached 164,837 total number of cases with a total of 6,470 deaths. Cases have been reported in 33 new countries, territories or areas this week, bringing the total number to 146 (as per data reported by 10am, March 16th.)

On the 11th of March, the WHO declared Covid-19 to be a pandemic. However, it was also stated that the outbreak was still controllable and that it would be a mistake to abandon the containment phase and automatically move to a mitigation phase at the current time.

New cases in China continue to decrease, dropping from 146 new cases on 6th of March to only 26 new cases on 13th. However again, cases outside China continue to rise very steeply, with approx. 6,700 new cases reported outside China on 13th March. The new epicentres continue to be centered around Italy and Iran, with some decreases beginning to become apparent in other parts of Asia, such as South Korea where 114 new cases were reported on 13th of March compared to 518 cases on 6th March.

However, cases elsewhere in Europe rose sharply in the period since our last newsletter in areas such as Spain (2140 new cases as of 10am March 13th compared to 59 new cases at the same time on 6th of March) and France (2269 new cases as of 10am March 13th compared to 138 new cases at the same time on 6th of March).

During the period since our last newsletter the WHO issued a package of guidelines reiterating their existing preparedness and response guidance for area to help them to slow down and ultimately stop COVID-19 transmission, this document can be accessed at the link below.

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance>

WHO have requested all countries to TEST, TEST, TEST!

On the 6th of March, WHO also provided comparison data between Covid-19 and Influenza, as the 2 illnesses are frequently compared. A number of important similarities and differences were highlighted, one important similarity being that both viruses are transmitted by contact, droplets and fomites.

As a result, the same public health measures, such as hand hygiene and good respiratory etiquette (coughing into your elbow or into a tissue and immediately disposing of the tissue), are important actions we all can take to prevent infection .

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At Kersia Ireland, we are at the forefront of the fight against coronavirus. Our facility is running 24/7 to accommodate both NaDCC effervescent disinfection tablets and hand sanitation requirements worldwide.

A business continuity plan has been implemented within our facility to safeguard our employees.

Remember to:

Wash your hands regularly

Maintain social distance

Avoid touching your eyes, nose & mouth

If you have fever, cough, difficulty breathing, seek medical care

Stay informed!

“We are all in this together, We can only succeed together“

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus - WHO Director General



Hand hygiene - one of the most important factors for reducing spread of the virus.

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