

Mauritius Response to Covid-19

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Covid-19

Wuhan

- 31 December 2019: China revealed new cases of Pneumonia
- 20 January 2020: China reported 217 cases and 4deaths

23 January 2020

- Government and MOH started
- Sensitisation Campaign : Radio, TV, Press
- Awareness about the disease
- Posters and pamphlets distributed at Port and Airport

MEASURES PROMOTED

- SOCIAL DISTANCING
- WEARING OF MASKS
- PERSONAL HYGIENE (Washing of hands, sanitiser)

EARLY MEASURES TAKEN

Screening at Airport: Thermal scanner

Filling of Health Declaration Form

Surveillance by Health Inspectorate

Rapid Response Team set up

Early Measures

Conversion of Souillac Hospital

Isolation Ward

Quarantine: 6 passengers from Wuhan since 21January

Icu facilities

Preparedness plan by MOH

Travel Advisory

- Restrictions on passengers from China as from 30 January 2020
- Flights from Shanghai and Hong Kong suspended
- 24 February: Restrictions on Korea, Italy and Iran
- 16 March: Restrictions on UK, EU

First Cases Diagnosed

- 3 cases on the 18th March 2020
- Borders closed as from same date
- All incomers quarantined as from 19th March
- Sanitary curfew as from 20th March

Strategic Response

- Contact tracing
- Testing
- Isolate
- Treatment

Capacity Building

- Redeployment of staff
- Increase in testing capacity of Central Laboratory
- Massive Order of Masks, PPE, ventilators, drugs, reagents
- Hotels transformed in treatment centres and quarantine

High Level Committee

- As from 18th March
- Chaired by Prime Minister
- Daily meeting
- Decision making

National Communication Committee

- Presided by Prime Minister
- Spokesperson: Dr Zouberr Joomaye
- Daily Press Briefings
- Questions by the press

Mauritius in Figures

- Population : 1.3 M
- Local cases of Covid-19: 213
- Imported cases in the community: 28
- Imported cases in quarantine:114
- Total number of cases: 355

Testing Capacity

- PCR tests: number 60,000
- Rapid antigen tests: number 160,000
- Capacity of Central lab: 1000 PCR tests daily

Conclusion

- Mauritius Covid safe since 26 April 2020
- Timely closure of borders
- Efficient strategy: Curfew, test, isolate, treat