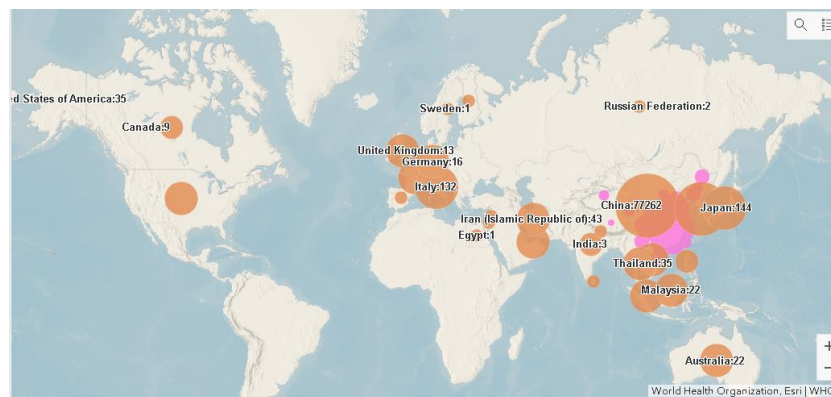
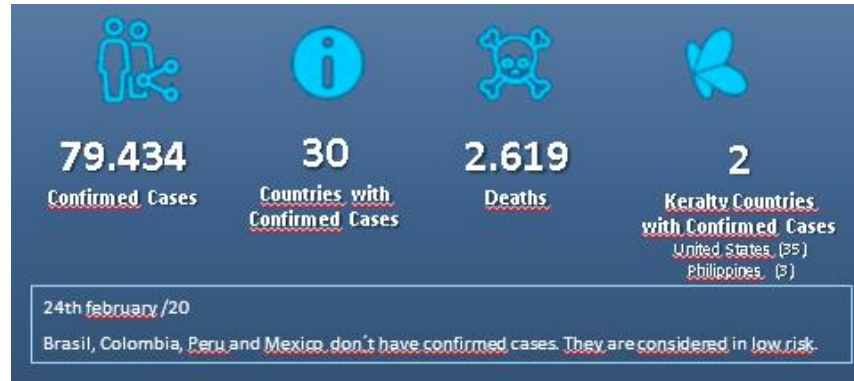


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Images from: Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) situation as of 24 February 2020, 06:00 (CET)
<http://who.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/c88e37cfc43b4ed3baf977d77e4a0667>

EN KERALTY:

Joint working groups between companies have been established: Public Health Commission and Subcommission of respiratory season in preparation for the attention of these contingencies.

Keralty's strategic objectives for the response to the COVID19 outbreak and the Sem1 / 20 respiratory season are:

1. Provide technical guidance to establish actions to identify, isolate and care for patients early and provide optimal care for infected patients.
2. Define actions and strategies to limit the transmission from person to person, including the reduction of secondary infections between close contacts and especially the prevention and control of infections in health care settings seeking the protection of our health workers.

3. Communicate important information about risks and events to the Keralty communities and counteract the wrong information.

Advances in preparation include:

- Easy to consult document that consolidates technical information on:
 1. Criteria for identification of probable cases.
 2. Protocol for initial approach to cases with suspected infection with the new coronavirus.
 3. Diagnostic algorithm to confirm or rule out COVID19.
 4. Biosecurity measures for health teams.

Available in: <https://portal.colsanitas.com/funcionarios/web/guest/informes-coronavirus>

- Regular contact with the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Colombia to have true information regarding the risk of rumors and false news, as well as permanent consultation of official sources (WHO, CDC). It also allows you to be aware of changes in epidemiological surveillance criteria since, given the time of the epidemic, these recommendations may vary rapidly.
- Design of Keralty communication campaign for users in Colombia regarding the respiratory season of this semester.
- Review with clinicians and the Laboratory of operational implications of the application of the diagnostic algorithm for the study of suspected cases of COVID19.
- Alert companies to increase their supply of personal protection items such as surgical masks, high efficiency masks and anti-fluid gowns among others.
- Recommendation to companies about promoting non-face-to-face care in cases of uncomplicated respiratory infection through, for example, the strengthening of telephone or virtual guidance services with general indications of staying at home (not attending work or educational institutions).
- Prevention messages are definitely prioritized:
 1. Frequent hand washing, especially after direct contact with sick people or their surroundings.
 2. Avoid close contact with people suffering from acute respiratory infections ("Voluntary Isolation")
 3. People with symptoms of acute respiratory infection should practice cough etiquette (keep distance, cover themselves), cough and sneeze with tissues, on the inside of the arm, not on the hands and wash their hands). And they should wear mask caps (surgical mask)
 4. Within health facilities, improve standard infection prevention and control practices in hospitals, especially in emergency areas.

Specific concerns have arisen that require the mobilization of additional resources and other considerations:

1. Need for provision of personal protection elements and supplies for respiratory disease care.
2. Cost implications in care derived from the application of the diagnostic algorithm to rule out COVID19 (in charge of the institutions / insurer).

3. Need to strengthen the training of health teams regarding the proper use of personal protection elements.
4. The care of people with respiratory infection in a non-face-to-face manner implies flexibility in labor matters that allow absenteeism without necessarily having face-to-face medical attention or expanding home care alternatives.

LINKS OF INTEREST

Coronavirus Keralty bulletins repository

<https://portal.colsanitas.com/funcionarios/web/guest/informes-coronavirus>

GLOBAL OMS: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

USA CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

COLOMBIA:

<https://www.minsalud.gov.co/salud/publica/PET/Paginas/Nuevo-Coronavirus-nCoV.aspx>

<https://www.ins.gov.co/Noticias/Paginas/Coronavirus.aspx>

MEXICO: <https://www.gob.mx/salud/documentos/aviso-epidemiologico-casos-de-infeccion-respiratoria-asociados-a-nuevo-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

BRASIL: <http://saude.gov.br/boletins-epidemiologicos>

PERU: <https://www.gob.pe/institucion/minsa/noticias/78370-minsa-esta-preparado-para-diagnosticar-el-nuevo-coronavirus-que-se-propaga-en-china>