SITUATION OF COVID-19 & RESPONSE IN VIETNAM

MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF VIETNAM

Ha Noi, 30/4/2020
Current situation, 30th Apr 2020

Confirmed cases

- 270
  - 48 Under treatment
  - (including 3/4 HCWs)

Recovered

- 222

Suspected cases

- 443
  - 358 isolated at HCF
  - 18,263 centralized quarantine
  - 49,406 self-quarantine

Suspected cases

- 34,836 contacts under follow-up

Tests conducted

- 210,000
  - % positive: 0.13%

Confirmed cases

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30/63 PROVINCES
33 PROVINCES: NO CASE

Highest number: Ha Nội
Capital: 112 cases
CONFIRMED NEW CASE BY DAY

As of 30 April

Locally Transmitted Cases

Cases imported, isolated right away from overseas

For 14 days: no case detected in communities (from 16 April to date)

VIETNAM PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER
COVID-19 SITUATION IN VIETNAM
(Last updated - 30/4/2020)

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PM's Directive #16 on nationwide social distancing
PM's Directive #15 on refrain from mass gathering & nonessential business
Centralized quarantine applied to all overseas returnees/visitors
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Contact tracing all passengers flight together with confirmed cases
WHAT STRATEGIES CARRIED OUT?

1. Strictly control all passengers/returners from outside
   - Border health quarantine
   - Centralized isolation

2. Increase surveillance in communities:
   - Early detection, case investigation
   - Contract tracing
   - Isolation
   - Testing

3. Communication for communities
   - Capacity building of risk communication at all levels,
   - Counter rumors/misinformation &
   - Enhance social listening, feedback mechanisms

4. Good treatment of patients
   “Four in spot”: local workforce, command, means, and logistics
WHAT ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT?

**First Wave**
- First RA conducted
- National Response Plan drafted
- National Response Plan COVID-19 issued
- Flights from China and border crossing suspended
- NSC formally established
- PHEOC activated
- Entry of travelers from China denied
- First case (#1) - Wave 1
- Last case (#16) - Wave 1
- TET - 1st Day Lunar New Year (schools closure since a week before)

**Second Wave**
- Quarantined travelers from ROK
- 14-day centralized quarantine applied to all overseas returns/visitors
- Italian visa exemption revoked
- First case (#17) - Wave 2
- Health declaration applied to all entering Viet Nam
- Mandatory health declaration for visitors from outbreak hotspots
- Visa exemption revoked for EU, UK and areas with 500+ cases reported
- PM’s Directive No.15 on refrain from mass gathering and nonessential business
- All international flights suspended
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**Key Events**
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Lessons responding to COVID-19

What made Viet Nam ZERO cases for 14 days as of today?
Lessons responding to COVID-19

1. Strong government leadership

- Prime Minister leading *whole of society approach* against the epidemic as the enemy
- Establishment of high-level multi-sectoral National Steering Committee, chaired by Deputy Prime Minister
- Government response plan issued on 20 January 2020 using a stage-based approach with preparation for community transmission (with 3 subsequent revisions)
- Principle of “protecting people’s health as first”
**Lessons responding to COVID-19:**

### 2. Good surveillance system for CDs for early warning and timely actions
- Close situation monitoring and risk assessment
- Strengthening surveillance at POEs Early detection and quarantine of imported cases to avoid spreading into communities
- Case investigation, carried out medical isolation with four-rings quarantine operation;
- Implementation of laboratory testing strategy: Prioritization of testing; reduction in untargeted sampling, enhanced laboratory-based surveillance

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Lessons responding to COVID-19:

3. Contact tracing:
Active contact tracing using whole-society approach (health authorities, media, airlines, travel agencies, workplace, etc.)
4. Communication

- Continue to strengthen communication activities to promptly provide information to the people for them to avoid panics and to take proper preventive measures, especially for mask using, washing hands with soap, at home isolation instructions...

- Active media engagement: timely, clear, accurate and consistent information are provided to mass media.

- Collaboration with various organizations and sectors to develop risk communication messaging and tools/products.

- Harnessing multisectoral collaboration for community engagement.
5. ‘Lockdown’ Communities and a Hospital

- Provincial People’s Committee makes decision to lockdown the place
- Scale of lockdown can be several houses to whole commune or a hospital
- When two or more cases reported in one community or hospital or a confirmed case travel to many places in community
- Duration: 14-28 days
- Daily check up by ‘a community team’ of local health staff and authorities
- Daily food and necessary items are supplied free in the area

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<td>Bach Mai hospital in Hanoi</td>
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<td>5,000</td>
<td>Van Lam 3, village in Binh Thuan province</td>
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<td>7,600</td>
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6. Social distancing (1)

January- March

- **School closures**
  - From Kindergartens to Universities closed since the Tet Holidays

- **Suspension of mass gathering**
  - Suspended planned festivals or scaled down on-going festivals from 31 Jan
  - Encourage people to postpone organize event e.g. wedding.

- **Wear face mask in public**
  - Before 16 Mar: advise people
  - 16 Mar: compulsory wear face mask at the public places

- **Personal physical distancing**
  - Advise people to stay at home
  - Request physical distance between people (>2 meters)
6. Social distancing (2)

From 28 Mar

- No business and services from 28 Mar-15 Apr, except essential business and services
- Cancellation of all meetings, events which have 20 people or more
- Suspension of religious events, and other events with $\geq 20$ people
- Suspension of all cultural and sports activities
- Limitation of people’s travel, suspension or limitation of public transportation, limitation of flights between Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City with other provinces
6. Social distancing (3)

Since 1 Apr

*Whole social distancing*
- Stay at home except to go out to buy food and essential services, and work for essential services
- Only essential services, factories to produce essential products operate
- At work place: ensure safe distance, wear face mask, and implement disinfection
- No public transportation, including buses and taxi
- Minimum domestic flights: e,g Hanoi - HCMC 1 flight/day
- Distance between people: at least 2 meters distance
6. Social distancing (4)

After 15 Apr:

Classified by the risk

- Low risk provinces (35 provinces with no confirmed cases): Whole social distancing until 15 Apr, after that social distancing according to PM Directive 15

- Medium risk provinces (15 provinces): Whole social distancing until 15 Apr, from 16-22 Apr can be applied whole social distancing or social distancing according to PM Directive 15

- High risk provinces (13 provinces with confirmed COVID-19 cases reported): Continue whole social distancing scheme until 22 or 30 Apr depending on outbreak situation
PRIORITIES

- Enhance COVID-19 surveillance via optimizing existing surveillance platforms
  - ILI/SARI sentinel surveillance, SVP surveillance, routine notifiable disease surveillance, EBS surveillance
- Test – Trace – Treat
  - Early case detection & investigation, active contact tracing, strict isolation and quarantine
- Continue to prepare for wider community transmission phase
  - Enhance surveillance both at HCFs and community & plan for surge capacity in surveillance and response as needed
- Implementation of laboratory testing strategy;
  - Prioritization of testing; reduction in untargeted sampling, enhanced laboratory-based surveillance
- Surge capacity, Protect of Health Care Facility, Protect HCWs
- Capacity building of risk communication at all levels for COVID-19 prevention and response, counter rumors/misinformation & enhance social listening, feedback mechanisms
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

...Against disease as against the enemy… (The PM)

...accepts economic losses to protect people’s lives and health… (The PM)

...The safety must be include peace of mind … (The VPM)