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 4 deaths
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 21 January

Icu facilities

Preparedness plan by MOH
Travel Advisory

• Restrictions on passengers from China as from 30 January 2020

• Fights 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