

Hospitals under less stress; Supervision of those quarantined more effective; chain of transmission weakening

STAY HOME, MUMBAI (IT IS WORKING QUITE WELL)

BMC's health workers had covered 800 houses when the first coronavirus positive case was identified in Mumbai. For the cases detected in past couple of days, the number of contacts has been lower by 15 to 20 per cent

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The lockdown seems to have tilted the balance, ever so slightly, in the city's favour in the battle against the sneaky covid-19.

While it is still early days, health officials said on Tuesday said that with people staying home, the number of new infections

reported showed a decline for the first time from Monday's 10, Tuesday's 17 to Wednesday's 5 — a really early sign, but an indication nevertheless of the weakening of the chain of covid-19's spread.

The cops have reported higher self-quarantine compliance — essentially people with travel history or those who were in close proximity of a person who tested positive not venturing out of their homes. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 5 >**



3-week lockdown

Panic buying in Mumbai; enough stock, assures state

Food grain stock to last six months; govt benefits to be extended to white ration card holders too

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When minutes of Prime Minister Narendra Modi announcing a countrywide lockdown for 21 days, people from across the city rushed out to stock up on essentials. The prime minister, in his address to the nation, said there was no need not panic about availability of essential commodities and medicines during the three-week nationwide lockdown and urged people to refrain from panic buying. "My fellow citizens, there is absolutely no need to panic," Modi repeated soon after his address.

Earlier in the day, the state's food and civil supplies minister, Chhagan Bhupal, assured that Maharashtra has food grain stock to last six months. Despite restrictions on movement of vehicles, the supply of essential commodities will be unaffected. "We have enough stocks," he said.

Shops and outlets selling food grains, vegetables, meat, fish, and medical shops have been excluded from the lockdown, Bhupal said.

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The police have said that the lockdown makes it easier to keep tabs on the people quarantined at home, and such people are being monitored from time to time

Daughter of state's second casualty tests positive

The 34-year-old's father died on March 21; her mother, who has also tested positive for coronavirus, is stable

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The 34-year-old daughter of the state's second COVID-19 casualty—a 65-year-old man from Waltham—has now tested positive for the virus, days after her test results came back

negative.

The 63-year-old, who had no history of recent foreign travel but had visited Surat, died on March 21. His wife tested positive the next day. She is undergoing treatment at HN Reliance Hospital.

Their daughter said no one in the family had made a trip abroad in recent months, and that her father used to travel to the Bharat

Diamond Bourse at Bandra Kurla Complex on app-based cabs. "I want to tell people that those who have not travelled abroad can also get the novel coronavirus. I suspect that my father contracted it from someone at the diamond bourse or in a cab," said the 34-year-old who has been isolated at a private hospital in the suburbs.

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