

Example of Status letter

[Ethical Travel Portal](#), Norway

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This is to bring you all the updates on the current status on travel to Norway regarding the threat of the Coronavirus (COVID 19).

According to the the Norwegian Institute of Public Health, 72 people have been tested positive with the Coronavirus.

26th February: The first person was confirmed after tested positive returning to Norway from a visit to the outbreak area in China. This person did not have any symptoms, and the tests showed a weak positive result. The first test done was actually negative. It is established that there was a very small possibility that this person would infect others. The person is on home - quarantine and followed up by the local health service, and reporting that she feels fine.

27th February: Three new people tested positive with the Coronavirus. None of them are serious ill. The tests were confirmed by the Norwegian Institute of Public Health. Two of the people are connected to the outbreak in Italy, and the third is connected to the outbreak in Iran. All three are in home - quarantine and are being followed up by the local health service in their respective county.

28th February: Two people confirmed positive with the Coronavirus. One person is tested at Bergen Haukeland University Hospital and is connected to the outbreak in Italy. The other person tested at Oslo University Hospital and is also connected to the outbreak in Italy. Both of them are in home-quarantine, not seriously ill. Both tests has been confirmed by the Norwegian Institute of Public Health

28th February: One person, working at the Ullevål Hospital, tested positive after a trip to Italy. This person did not have any symptoms when returning back to Norway, and worked at the hospital for a couple of days.

29th February: Four new cases were confirmed in Bergen. They are all in home quarantine.

29th February: Four new cases were confirmed in Oslo / Eastern Norway. Two of them works at Ullevål Hospital.

1st March: Four more cases were confirmed in Oslo. Two of them works at Ullevål Hospital.

2nd March: Six more cases were confirmed. None of them with serious symptoms.

3rd March: Eight more cases were confirmed. One of the confirmed cases works at Ullevål Hospital.

4th March: 30 more cases were confirmed. Out of which a travel group of eight people (two of them were confirmed 3rd March) and just returned to Norway after a trip to Italy.

5th March: Nine more cases were confirmed.

Norwegian Institute of Public Health knows the source of how the patients were infected, and work on securing all people that has been in connection with them. All of the infected people are in home quarantine and not seriously ill.

In addition to the confirmed case in Norway, one Norwegian citizen, living in Italy, has been reported infected by the virus, also with mild symptoms. The person is taken care of by the Italian Health Department in Italy.

(Source: Norwegian Institute of Public Health)

The Norwegian Institute of Public Health States

“The Norwegian Institute of Public Health is closely monitoring the situation. We receive daily updates through various international networks, disseminate this information out to others, and advise the national authorities, the health service and other stakeholders on which infection control measures should be implemented in different situations. The laboratory at the Norwegian Institute of Public Health has analysis for rapid detection of the virus. Information and advice will be adjusted and updated according to the outbreak's development and knowledge of the infection”

We are quite confident that The Norwegian Institute of Public Health is prepared to handle cases in Norway, with robust control routines in place, like medical follow up of patients, isolating infected and follow up the people the infected has been in contact with.

Ethical Travel Portal is obviously monitoring the situation carefully, and our travelers as well as our team, and the people relying on this industry is of paramount importance.

To this effect, looking at current spread, preparedness, and quality of health services in Norway, we can responsibly state there is no need to alter plans to travel to Norway.

While coming in, we do recommend coming with a robust travel and health insurance and continuing to practice common hygiene measures, just in case.

In case of further outbreak, Ethical Travel Portal will modify trips as much as possible to avoid high risk areas. In any case, most of our trips are off beat. In case there is an outbreak in Norway, and our travelers understandably wish to postpone, their deposits will be honored and kept against the future plan.

To stay informed, visit the Norwegian Institute of Public Health for the latest information.
<https://www.fhi.no/en/id/infectious-diseases/coronavirus/>

Please visit the World Health Organization (WHO) link below for safety tips while travelling
<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>