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### Protect citizens' right to health

National Human Rights Commission concerns seriously to the media reports that claim the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in sewage samples collected from various areas in Kathmandu as COVID – 19 infections have been spreading rapidly in Nepal too.

The Commission recalls the previous recommendations to the government of Nepal expedite PCR testing and well arrangement of quarantines based on facts received through monitoring by NHRC in collaboration with Nepal Bar Association, Federation of Nepalese Journalists, and NGO Federation. In spite of the Commission's request lack of expediting the PCR testing and scientists and researchers believe that the detection of the Covid-19 [virus] in Kathmandu sewage is a sign of community transmission as per the media report.

Thus, drawing attention to take necessary steps to identify the affected areas of the Kathmandu valley like densed region as it can be uncontrollable and make effective effort identifying the most affected area and location to control and prevent the spread of the disease, and expedite PCR testing and guarantee the citizens' right to health.

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