Second wave of COVID-19 hitting hard 20-30 age group

**By Mahima Devkota**, Kathmandu, Apr. 23:  The COVID-19 detection on the month of April, considered as the season of the aggressive spread of the virus is thrice more than last year’s data.

According to Dr. Jageshwor Gautam, Spokesperson at the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP), a total of 500-700 cases of COVID-19 infection were detected last year at this time on a daily basis, but this year, there has been a whopping increase of 70.83 percent in the detection of new COVID-19 cases on a daily basis.

Spokesperson Dr. Gautam of MoHP further informed TRN Online that only 7 percent of the population, which is 1.9 million is inoculation with the vaccine against COVID-19 infection thus far.

 According to Epidemiology and Disease Control Division, there are currently, 292,152 confirmed cases, of them, 12,690 are active cases. The recovery rate stands at 276345, which comprises 94.6 percent.  The fatality rate is 1.1 percent and the active cases account for 4.3 per cent of the total infected.

Dr. Krishna Paudel, director of the Epidemiology and Disease Control Division, said that the second wave has hit all the age-group. The record shows that the age group 21-30 holds the highest record of COVID-19 cases in the second wave of SARS-CoV-2.

Dr. Paudel added that there are 28,00 female and 4,003 male cases of COVID-19 infection in age group 0-10, 12,260 male and 7,005 female in 11-20 age group, 48,557 male, 29,078 female in 21-30 age group, 51,473 male and 24,629 female in 31-40 age group, 32,833 male and 15,877 female in the age group 41-50, 21,000 male and 11,413 female in the age group 51-60, 10,423 male and 6,780 female in the age group 61-70, 5316 male and 3796 female in 71-80 age group, 2203 male and 1581 female in age group 80-90 and 360 female and 755 male in 90 plus age group.

The total number of Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests conducted so far is 2,379,402.

At present, as many as 12,690 cases are in isolation and 81 are in quarantine.