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The unprecedented announcement comes as the coronavirus cases in the state rises to 39 - highest in India - on Monday. In an official release, the government described the decision as a precautionary measure. Maharashtra government has decided that all people undergoing 'home quarantine' for suspected exposure to the coronavirus will be stamped on the left hand. The state government said that the left hand of all persons under home quarantine will be stamped to identify them easily in case they mingle with the general public.

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Chief minister **Uddhav Thackeray** also appealed that those who have been advised home quarantine must voluntarily refrain from stepping out in public to prevent any risk to others.

As per protocol, people arriving from coronavirus-affected regions are being put under home quarantine as a precautionary measure while their samples are sent for tests.

In a separate decision, the state government has also made it a punishable offence if any person attempts to evade the compulsory quarantine, or breaks 'home quarantine' and would forcibly move such person to a government isolation facility.

(Inputs from PTI & IANS)

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