

Guidelines for International Passengers

Can I come to Bangalore from outside India?

Yes, you can come to Bangalore (international airport) from outside India by flight as part of the Vande Bharat evacuation mission.

Will I be tested for COVID-19 on reaching Bangalore?

All the passengers arriving at the airport will be compulsorily screened for symptoms of COVID-19 and self-declaration form will be obtained from each passenger.

What kind of screening will be done at the airport?

Following screening procedures will be done once you arrive at the airport:

1. Thermal scanning
2. Pulse oximeter reading
3. History of any co-morbidity will be collected

What all activities to be done at the airport?

Apart from screening for health conditions, following activities will be done once you arrive at the airport:

1. You will fill a Self-reporting Form and it will be verified
2. Categorization – either symptomatic or asymptomatic on arrival
3. Briefing with instructions
4. COVID Stamping wherever applicable (over back of palm)
5. You will have to download the following mobile apps:
 1. Arogya Setu App
 2. Quarantine Watch App
 3. Apathmitra App

Will I get any facility like food at the airport ?

Counters for the following items will be available at the arrival lounge of the airport:

1. SIM card: for enabling local phone number and activation. Mobile numbers will be pre-activated by the operators.
2. Outlet for selling N95, Triple Layer Surgical, hand-made masks and hand sanitizers
3. Refreshment counter/ take-away counters

Also, police check-post will be available at the point of exit.

Will I be sent to quarantine center from the airport ?

Your quarantine status will depend on either you are Symptomatic (Category I) or Asymptomatic (Category II) on arrival.

1. Category I : If you are symptomatic on arrival, you will be sent for 14 days of Institution Quarantine at Covid Health Care Centre (DCHC), followed by 14 days of self reporting period.
2. Category II: If you are asymptomatic on arrival, , you will be sent for 14 days of Institution Quarantine at hotels/guest houses/hostels which are called Covid Care Centre (CCC), by buses arranged by the government. The facilities will have individual rooms with attached toilets. Post the first 14 days of quarantine, 14 days of reporting period in case the 2nd test of Covid-19 is negative. You will be stamped for Institutional quarantine. However, there are some exceptions for some special category of asymptomatic people.

Is there any exemption from quarantine?

If you are arriving from outside India, you must be in quarantine – either institution quarantine or home quarantine.

But if you are asymptomatic on arrival and fall in any of the following category, then immediately on your arrival, you shall be tested as early as possible. If the test is negative, you shall be exempted from Institutional Quarantine, you shall be stamped and sent for Home Quarantine for 14 days.

1. Pregnant women
2. Children below the age of 10 years
3. Senior citizen above the age of 80 years
4. Terminally ill patients (For e.g. Cancer, Chronic kidney disease and stroke)
5. One attender in each of the above cases

You will be stamped on back of palm(left hand) and sent for Home Quarantine for 14 days.

What will happen if I have symptoms of COVID ?

If you are symptomatic on arrival, you will be segregated from other passengers and sent to Dedicated COVID Health Centre (DCHC) for testing and isolation. If your test result is positive, then you will be shifted to Dedicated COVID Hospital (DCH).

If your test result is negative, you will be kept at a Hotel/Hostel and will be tested again between 12th to 14th day. If you test positive in that test, you will be isolated at DCH and treated accordingly.

Will I be tested for COVID if I don't have any symptom ?

If you do not have any symptom, you will be shifted to Covid Care Centres (Hotel / Hostel etc.) with individual accommodations and monitored for next 14 days. On arrival at the CCC, you will be tested immediately following all the protocols and precautions of testing.

If you test Positive, then you will be shifted to Dedicated COVID Hospital (DCH).

If you test negative then you will be tested again between 12 to 14th day, and if tested positive, you will be shifted to Dedicated COVID Hospital.

How can I travel back to home from airport ?

If you are allowed to go for home quarantine, then you will have to make your own travel arrangement and provide the details to the Nodal Officer present at the Institutional Quarantine facility. The transit permission passes will be issued to you by Karnataka State Police. All the passes so issued will be acknowledged at the district border check posts for ease of transit.

Will there be any monitoring during home quarantine ?

The district administration of your home district will paste Home Quarantine sticker on your house door and monitor for further 14 days of Home Quarantine and 14 days of Reporting period. You will be required to sign an undertaking regarding strict home quarantine. Your neighbors will be informed, and their contact numbers will be collected. The Resident welfare association (RWA) of your housing society/area will also be informed and invited in the enforcement of quarantine. Police mobile squads will be deployed to monitor the enforcement of quarantine.

Also, using the Quarantine Watch App, you will have to upload your selfie daily. Your home district administration will ensure 'Home Quarantine Enforcement Squads' take action on not following home quarantine. If you are found to be not following strict home quarantine, district administration can take decision to shift you to facility quarantine and take legal action.

What will I do if I develop symptoms during home quarantine ?

If at any time during home quarantine, you develop any symptom, then you should immediately call 14410 (Apthamitra Helpline) for further management. The IVRS follow-up outbound call from district level or taluka level call centre will continue for all passengers during home quarantine period.

What precautions shall I take while going back from institutional quarantine ?

You should strictly self-monitor body temperature, maintain hand and respiratory hygiene, retain the aircraft boarding pass / details of Journey by taxi and obtain list of District and State Surveillance Officers for follow up and reporting in case of any issues.

You should also provide details of your stay for next 14 days including the contact numbers.