



GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

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Karnataka Government Secretariat
Vikasa Soudha
Bengaluru, dated: 20.02.2021

CIRCULAR

**Subject: Conducting RT – PCR test for International returnees to Karnataka :
Regarding**

**Reference: 1. Guidelines from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI, Dated:
17.2.2021
2. Proceedings of the 77th meeting of State COVID-19-Technical
Advisory Committee (TAC), Dept. of Health & Family Welfare, GOK
Dated: 18.02.2021**

Adverting to the above subject and reference cited, the following activity shall be implemented in order to minimize the risk of importation of mutant strains of Covid-19 from entry points into Karnataka.

It is mandatory for all the passengers travelling in flights originating from United Kingdom, Europe and Middle East to possess a RT-PCR Negative test certificate (not older than 72 Hrs) before boarding the flight. Additionally, these passengers shall undergo RT-PCR test after arriving in Karnataka. The sample for the said RT-PCR test shall be collected and tested by ICMR approved laboratory, set up at Airport premises both Bengaluru and Mangalore Airports. The cost of the test shall be borne by the passengers. The testing laboratory shall charge Rs 500/- per test for RT-PCR (with pooling of samples @ 1:3) and the result shall be conveyed within 4 hrs , whereas a maximum of Rs 3000/- shall be charged for Express RT-PCR Test (Abbott) and the result to be conveyed within 30 minutes. The International passengers from United Kingdom, Brazil and South Africa shall be allowed to leave the airport premises only after obtaining the RT-PCR negative test result. The person testing positive shall comply with the protocol issued by GoK.



Further, the International Passengers other than United Kingdom, Brazil and South Africa, shall be allowed to leave the Airport premises after submission of samples for RT-PCR Test. The result of the test shall be conveyed to the concerned in due course for further action.

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20/2/21

Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.
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To:

1. Smt. Meena Nagaraj, IAS, Co-coordinator, International Arrivals, BIAL, Bengaluru.
2. Commissioner-BBMP
3. Deputy Commissioners of all districts
4. CEO, ZP of all districts
5. District Health and Family Welfare officers of all districts
6. District Surgeons of all districts
7. District Surveillance Officers of all districts
8. Director, Medical Education
9. The Managing Director, Bengaluru International Airport and Mangalore International Airport
10. The APHO, Bengaluru International Airport and Mangalore International Airport.
11. Managing Director, Seaport Mangaluru and Karwar

Copy to:

1. Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka
2. Additional Chief Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister
3. Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department
4. Principal Secretary, Medical Education
5. Commissioner, Health & F W Services
6. Mission Director-National Health Mission
7. Director, Health & Family Welfare Services