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**CIRCULAR**

Subject: Revised guidelines for international returnees to Karnataka -

- Reference: 1) MoHFW, GOI, Guidelines for international Arrivals dated 17.2.2021.  
2) Proceedings of the 76<sup>th</sup> meeting of State COVID-19-Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Dept. of Health and Family Welfare, Dated: 17.02.2021.

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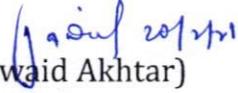
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI has issued revised guidelines dated 17.2.2021 (copy enclosed), for International Arrivals in supersession of all previous guidelines issued on the subject. As directed by the Government of India, these guidelines shall be strictly implemented by all concerned. The Technical Advisory Committee has recommended certain additional measures besides the ones contained in these guidelines. State Government has considered recommendations given by the Technical Advisory Committee and has decided that these additional measures shall also be enforced in the State.

Hence, in addition and partial modification of the above said guidelines, the following measures shall be enforced in the State :

1. Refer Part-B – Point No. (ix) – Apart from RT-PCR, there shall be an Option of express RT-PCR test (Abbott) given at Bangalore airport.
2. Refer Part-B – Point No. (xv) (b) – International passengers in Home quarantine after testing negative on 7<sup>th</sup> day, shall continue for another 7 days in home quarantine.
3. Refer Part-B – Point No. (xvi) (a) – Testing shall happen at the airport and exit will be allowed only after receiving a negative RT-PCR report .

4. Refer Part-B – Point No. (xvi) (c) - Home quarantine shall be for 14 days and not for 7 days.
5. Refer Part-B – Point No. (xxii) Travellers including airlines crew on short stay/ short term/ business purposes shall be regulated as follows :
  - International travellers (covered under Part A or Part B) on short stay/short term / business purpose (less than 14 days) and who have tested negative and remain symptom free, shall undergo all the procedures as above and shall be permitted to leave Karnataka under proper intimation to their District/State health authorities, subject to them fulfilling the requirement of the airlines and destination country.
  - To establish that one is on short stay/short term/ business visitor, person should show confirmed return flight ticket which should not be more than 14 days later from the date of arrival. The person should show the documents pertaining to the purpose of visit, place of stay, return ticket, visa, etc.
  - They should provide the address proof of person in Karnataka intending to meet.
  - They shall provide the negative report of RT-PCR test done within 72 hours before the departure from UK, Brazil, and South Africa, as relevant.
  - He/ she shall compulsorily undergo COVID-19 RT-PCR test at the airport and following negative report, they shall be exempted from quarantine.
  - He/she shall undergo compulsory RT-PCR testing on 7th day of arrival if staying more than 7 days.
  - He/she if tested positive for COVID-19, the person shall follow the COVID-19 guidelines for isolation, treatment, etc.
  - All precautions of wearing mask, using hand sanitizer, respiratory hygiene, physical distancing, etc. should be strictly followed.
  - If the traveller develops any COVID-19 like symptoms during their visit, they shall compulsorily seek medical consultation and get tested for COVID-19.
  - The traveller shall be monitored for COVID-19 like symptoms by district surveillance unit.

6. The current SoP /protocols of GoK in terms of testing, quarantine, isolation and treatment shall remain unchanged even for those international travelers who have received COVID-19 vaccination/possessing vaccination certificate.

  
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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
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