



GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

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Karnataka Government Secretariat

Vikasa Soudha,

Bengaluru, Dated 24.8.2021

REVISED CIRCULAR

Subject: Exempting RT-PCR testing of arrivals from UK, Europe

and Middle East in Airports of Karnataka : Regarding

Reference: 1. Even No Circular dated: 20.2.2021.

2. Letter from Managing Director & CEO BIAL, dated: 17.8.2021.

3. Proceeding of 122nd meeting of State COVID 19 Technical
Advisory Committee, dated: 20.8.2021.

4. Letter from Govt., of India Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Dated:17.02.2021.

Adverting to the above subject, it was mandatory for arrivals from United Kingdom, Europe and Middle East to undergo RT - PCR test at BIAL, irrespective of the negative test report brought from the originating country / boarding point as per reference (1). This requirement was made to minimize the risk of importation of Variants from various entry points into Karnataka. Currently, based on prevailing COVID situation , circulation of variants in the State / Country & also considering the letter cited as reference (2), the following revisions are made as below, as recommended by the COVID 19 State Technical Advisory Committee.

1. The passengers arriving from UK, Europe and Middle East on arrival at Kempegowda International Airport and other entry airports in Karnataka, shall provide the sample and leave the airport for further compliance as per SoP.
2. However, the passengers arriving from Brazil and South Africa shall continue to provide the samples at Kempegowda International Airport / other entry airports and wait for the results in the airport. On testing negative they shall leave the airport.
3. However, further actions shall be as per existing SoP. The strict tele-monitoring of these passengers should be ensured. The above protocol shall be periodically reviewed according to the scenario of Covid-19 in the State.

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Therefore, the above recommendations along with follow-up action should be complied strictly , in the larger interest of the public health.

Jawaid 24/8/24
(Jawaid Akhtar)

Additional Chief Secretary to Government
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To:

1. The Managing Director & CEO, BIAL, Bengaluru, to circulate the same to the concerned at other entry Airports in Karnataka.
2. The APHO, BIAL, Bengaluru.
3. Smt. Sikha , IAS, Co - ordinator, International Arrivals, BIAL, Bengaluru.
4. The Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare Services, Arogya Soudha, Bengaluru.
5. The Director, Health & F W Services, Bengaluru.

Copy to:

1. Chief Secretary - GoK, Bengaluru.
2. Commissioner, HFWS, Bengaluru
3. MD, NHM, Bengaluru.
4. Director, HFWS, Bengaluru