

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

No: HFW/323 /PRS/2021Karnataka Government Secretariat

VikasaSoudha
Bengaluru dated: 27.11.2021

Addendum Circular

Subject: Omicron (B.1.1529) – Mandatory RT PCR Testing for arrivals from **Botswana, South Africa and Hong Kong:**
Regarding

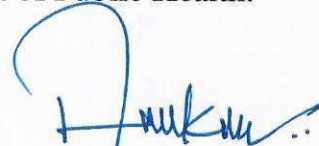
- Reference: 1. SoP on International Arrival from Govt. of India, MoH& FW, Dated: 11th Nov 2021
2. Revised Circular No: HFW/316 /PRS/2021, Dated: 20.11.2021
3 . D O letter from Sri. Rajesh Bhushan, IAS, Secretary, GoI,Dept. of Health &F W, MoH& FW, No: 25/S(HFW)/CVariant/2021, Dated: 25.11.2021.
4. Revised Circular No: HFW/322 /PRS/2021, Dated: 26.11.2021

In view of cases of COVID-19 variant, Omicron (B.1.1529), reported from Botswana, South Africa and Hong Kong, circular has been issued regarding the rigorous screening and testing of International arrivals which is cited at reference (4).

Considering the high number of mutations of the above-mentioned variant and serious public health implications thereby, the following additional instructions are issued herewith for strict compliance.

1. The international arrivals originating from **South Africa, Botswana, and Hong Kong** shall compulsorily undergo RT-PCR testing for COVID-19 and only after testing negative, be permitted to leave the airport/ port of entry.
2. All those international travelers from these **three countries** who have arrived in last 15 days (from 12th-27th November 2021) should be tracked and subjected to repeat RT-PCR testing.
3. Those travelers who are tested positive, shall be compulsorily placed under institutional isolation in hospital for 10 days.
4. It is mandatory to subject the positive samples for Whole Genomic Sequencing (WGS) on a fast-track basis.

District administrations and Airport authorities are hereby instructed to implement the above measures with immediate effect in the larger interest of Public Health.



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To:

1. Chief Executives of all Airlines.
2. The Managing Director, BIAL, to coordinate the activity.
3. The APHO, Bengaluru International Airport & Mangalore Airport.
4. The Manager, Airport Authority of India, Hubballi, Belgavi, Kalaburagi & Mysore.
5. The Deputy Commissioners of all districts
6. CEO, ZP of all districts
7. The District Health and Family Welfare officers of all districts and CHO BBMP
8. The District Surveillance Officers of all districts
9. The Commissioner, Health & F W Services, Bengaluru
10. The Lab in charge, INSACOG – IGSLs, NIMHANS, NCBS, IISC & JNIAS, Bengaluru.
11. The Medical Superintendent, Victoria Hospital / Bowring & Lady Curzon Hospital, Bengaluru.
12. The Heads of the Identified Laboratories & Tertiary Care Hospitals

Copy for kind information to:

1. Chief Secretary, GoK
2. Additional Chief Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister
3. The Chief Commissioner – BBMP, Bengaluru
4. Smt. C. Shikha, IAS - Coordinator, Domestic & International Returnees, BIAL, Bengaluru
5. PS to Hon'ble Minister for HFW and Medical Education.