

**U.T. ADMINISTRATION OF
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN & DIU
STATE DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
SECRETARIAT, DAMAN**

No. DMHS/COVID-19/2020/1239

Date: 02.12.2021

**Read: (i) Order No. DMHS/COVID-19/2020/1127 Dated 29th October 2021.
(ii) Addendum No. DMHS/COVID-19/2021/1221 Dated 27th November 2021.**

ORDER

Whereas, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 10(2)(1) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, the Chairperson of the National Executive Committee has issued an Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 30th November 2021 directing the States/UTs that the Order issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs dated 28th September 2021 to ensure compliance on Prompt and Effective Containment measures as conveyed by the MoHFW vide D.O.No.Z28015/85/2021-DM Cell, Dated 21st September 2021 shall remain in force upto 31st December 2021.

Whereas, considering the emergence of highly mutant COVID-19 variant B.1.1529 cases in few countries of Africa, MoHFW had issued an advisory to all the States/UTs for rigorous screening and testing of all International arrivals vide D.O No.25/S(HFW)/CVariant/2021 dated 25th November 2021.


And Whereas, the UT Administration of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu vide Order No. DMHS/COVID-19/2020/2634 Dated 23.03.2020, notified strict and intensive measures in the Union Territory in order to ensure social distancing and isolation measures for the containment of Covid-19. And thereafter, the UT Administration, vide various Orders issued from time to time, stipulated Guidelines of the measures along with Directives and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to be taken by various departments/institutions in the Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu for the containment of the spread of COVID-19 in the Territory.

Now therefore, in continuation of this Administration's earlier Order and Addendum quoted above in the preamble, this Order along with the Advisory and

Guidelines issued by the MoHFW annexed at Annexure (I) and Annexure (II) respectively shall remain in force upto 31.12.2021 (or) till further orders. It is further stated that the night curfew is imposed between 11:00 PM to 06:00 AM everyday.

The District Administration shall take intensive surveillance measures in accordance with the Advisory and the Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

By order and in the name of the
Hon'ble Administrator,
U.T of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu


Secretary 2/12/2021
Health & Family Welfare

Encl.: Annexure-I & II

Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. PS to Hon'ble Administrator, Secretariat, Daman.
2. PS to Advisor to the Administrator, Secretariat, Daman.
3. The Secretary (I&P), Secretariat, Daman for wide publicity.
4. All the Administrative Secretaries, DNH&DD for information and necessary action please.
5. The Deputy Inspector General of Police, DNH&DD.
6. All the Collectors of the U.T of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.
7. All the Superintendents of Police, DNH&DD
8. The Director of Medical and Health Services, DNH&DD
9. The State Informatics Officer, NIC, Secretariat, Daman for uploading the same on official website of this Administration.
10. All the Head of Offices for information and necessary action please.
11. Office file

Annexure-I



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SECRETARY



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Government of India
Department of Health and Family Welfare
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

D.O. No.25/S(HFW)/CVariant/2021
25th November 2021

Dear Colleague,

This is regarding the Variants of Concern/Variants of Interest (VoCs/Vols) of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and the Whole Genome Sequencing activity being coordinated in the country through the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG) and National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), which is the Nodal Agency for INSACOG. The aim of this activity is tracking and monitoring emergence and transmission of COVID-19 VoCs/Vols in the country.

2. In this regard, various letters issued by this Ministry dated 12th Nov. 2021, 3rd Nov. 2021, 26th Oct. 2021, 20th Oct. 2021, and 27th August 2021 may please be referred to. All these letters reiterated the criticality of scrupulous implementation and rigorous monitoring of the three-pronged surveillance strategy of screening and testing international travellers & their contacts, routine sentinel surveillance and surge surveillance, and timely sending of RT-PCR positive samples to designated INSACOG Genome Sequencing Laboratories (IGSLs).

3. It has now been reported by NCDC that multiple cases of a **COVID-19 variant B.1.1529** have been reported in **Botswana (3 cases), South Africa (6 cases) and Honk Kong (1 case)**. This variant is reported to have a significantly high number of mutations, and thus, has serious public health implications for the country, in view of recently relaxed visa restrictions and opening up of international travel.

4. It is therefore imperative that ALL international travellers travelling from and transiting through these countries, (they are part of the "at risk" Country Category of international travellers coming to India) and also including all other 'at risk' countries indicated in the revised Guidelines for International Arrivals issued by this Ministry dated 11.11.2021, are subjected to **rigorous screening and testing**, as per MoHFW Guidelines. The contacts of these international travellers must also be closely tracked and tested as per MoHFW guidelines.

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5. You are also requested to ensure that samples of travellers turning positive are sent to the designated IGSLs promptly as per the INSACOG Guidance Document issued by this Ministry available at <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/INSACOGGuidanceDocumentdated15July2021final.pdf> State Surveillance Officers must also establish close coordination with their designated/tagged IGSLs for expediting results of genomic analysis, so that necessary public health measures may be undertaken by the States/UTs in case presence of VOCs/Vols is reported by the INSACOG network.

6. It is critical for the States/UTs to adhere to the overarching 'Test-Track-Treat-Vaccinate' principle to ensure stringent implementation of containment measures as per MoHFW guidelines, and to prevent the spread of VoC/Vols and formation of clusters of cases.

Harm Regards.

Yours sincerely



(Rajesh Bhushan)

**Additional Chief Secretary /Principal Secretary /Secretary (Health)
All States/UTs**

Copy for information to: Director NCDC

ANNEXURE-II

Dated the 30th November 2021

Government of India Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Guidelines for International Arrivals (in supersession of all guidelines issued on the subject on and after 28th November 2021)

Introduction

The global trajectory of COVID-19 pandemic continues to decline with certain regional variations. The need to monitor the continuously changing nature of virus and evolution of SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern (VOCs) must still remain in focus. The existing guidelines for international arrivals in India have been formulated taking a risk-based approach. The existing guidelines have been revised in view of reporting of a new variant of SARS-CoV-2 (B.1.1.529; named Omicron) which has been now classified as Variant of Concern by the World Health Organization.

Scope

This document provides protocols to be complied with international travellers as well those to be followed by airlines, points of entry (airports, seaports and land border) for risk profiling of passengers.

This Standard Operating Procedure shall be valid **w.e.f. 1st December 2021 (00.01 Hrs IST)** till further orders. Based on the risk assessment, this document shall be reviewed from time to time.

A.1. Planning for Travel

- i. All travellers should
 - a. Submit self-declaration form on the online Air Suvidha portal (<https://www.newdelhiairport.in/airsuvidha/apho-registration>) before the scheduled travel, including last 14 days travel details.
 - b. Upload a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR report*. This test should have been conducted within 72 hrs prior to undertaking the journey.
 - c. Each passenger shall also submit a declaration with respect to authenticity of the report and will be liable for criminal prosecution, if found otherwise.
- ii. They should also give an undertaking on the portal or otherwise to Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India, through concerned airlines before they are allowed to undertake the journey that they would abide by the decision of the appropriate government authority to undergo home/institutional quarantine/ self-health monitoring, as warranted.
- iii. Continuing with the earlier approach, travellers from certain specified Countries (based on epidemiological situation of COVID-19 in those Countries) are identified for additional follow up. These include need for additional measures as detailed in para (xv) below. The listing of such specified Countries is a dynamic exercise based on evolving situation of COVID-19 across the world and will be made available on the websites of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, (mohfw.gov.in) and the link of the same will be available at website of Ministry of External Affairs and Air Suvidha Portal.

A.2. Before Boarding

- iv. Passengers originating or transiting from at-risk countries shall be informed by the airlines that they will undergo post arrival testing, quarantine if tested negative, stringent isolation protocols if tested positive etc. as mentioned in para (xv).

- v. Do's and Don'ts shall be provided along with ticket to the travellers by the airlines/agencies concerned.
- vi. Airlines to allow boarding by only those passengers who have filled in the Self Declaration Form on the Air Suvidha portal, uploaded the negative RT-PCR test report.
- vii. At the time of boarding the flight, only asymptomatic travellers will be allowed to board after thermal screening.
- viii. All passengers shall be advised to download Aarogya Setu app on their mobile devices.

A.3. During Travel

- ix. In-flight announcement about COVID-19 including precautionary measures to be followed shall be made at airports and in flights and during transit.
- x. During in-flight crew shall ensure that COVID appropriate behaviour is followed at all times.
- xi. If any passenger reports symptoms of COVID-19 during flight, he/she shall be isolated as per protocol.

A.4. On arrival

- xii. De-boarding should be done ensuring physical distancing.
- xiii. Thermal screening would be carried out in respect of all the passengers by the health officials present at the airport. The self-declaration form filled online shall be shown to the airport health staff.
- xiv. The passengers found to be symptomatic during screening shall be immediately isolated and taken to medical facility as per health protocol. If tested positive, their contacts shall be identified and managed as per laid down protocol#.
- xv. Travellers from specified Countries at risk [as mentioned in para (iii) above] will follow the protocol as detailed below:
 - Submission of sample for post-arrival COVID-19 test* at the point of arrival (self-paid). Such travellers will be required to wait for their test results at the arrival airport before leaving or taking a connecting flight.
 - If tested negative they will follow, home quarantine for 7 days. Re-test on the 8th day of arrival in India* and if negative, further self-monitor of their health for next 7 days.
 - However, if such travellers are tested positive, their samples should be sent for genomic testing at INSACOG laboratory network.
 - They shall be managed at separate isolation facility and treated as per laid down standard protocol including contact tracing mentioned in para (xiv).
 - The contacts of such positive case should be kept under institutional quarantine or at home quarantine monitored strictly by the concerned State Government as per laid down protocol.
- xvi. Travellers from Countries excluding those Countries at risk, will be allowed to leave the airport and shall self-monitor their health for 14 days' post arrival. A sub-section (2% of the total flight passengers) shall undergo post-arrival testing at random at the airport on arrival.
 - a. The 2% of such travellers in each flight shall be identified by the concerned airlines (preferably from different countries).
 - b. Such travellers shall be escorted by the concerned airlines/MoCA to testing area on arrival.
 - c. The cost of testing of such travellers shall be borne by the travellers identified for random testing themselves.

- d. Laboratories shall prioritize testing of samples from such travellers.
 - e. If such travellers are tested positive, they shall be managed as per laid down standard protocol and samples would further send for genomic testing.
- xvii. If travellers under home quarantine or self-health monitoring, develop signs and symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 or test positive for COVID-19 on re-testing, they will immediately self-isolate and report to their nearest health facility or call National helpline number (1075)/ State Helpline Number.

International travellers arriving at seaports/land ports

- xviii. International travellers arriving through seaports/land ports will also have to undergo the same protocol as above, except that facility for online registration is not available for such passengers currently.
- xix. Such travellers shall submit the self-declaration form to the concerned authorities of Government of India at seaports/land ports on arrival.

* Children under 5 years of age are exempted from both pre- and post-arrival testing. However, if found symptomatic for COVID-19 on arrival or during home quarantine period, they shall undergo testing and treated as per laid down protocol.

Contacts of the suspect case are the co-passengers seated in the same row, 3 rows in front and 3 rows behind along with identified Cabin Crew. Also, all the community contacts of those travellers who have tested positive (during home quarantine period) would be subjected to quarantine for 14 days and tested as per ICMR protocol.

