

प्रेषक,

मुख्य सचिव,
उत्तराखण्ड शासन
एवं मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी,
उत्तराखण्ड राज्य आपदा प्रबन्धन प्राधिकरण।

सेवा में,

1. समस्त अपर मुख्य सचिव/प्रमुख सचिव, उत्तराखण्ड शासन।
2. पुलिस महानिदेशक, उत्तराखण्ड।
3. समस्त सचिव/प्रभारी सचिव, उत्तराखण्ड शासन।
4. आयुक्त, कुमाऊँ एवं गढ़वाल मण्डल।
5. समस्त जिलाधिकारी, उत्तराखण्ड।

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देहरादून, 30 नवम्बर, 2021

विषय:

कोविड-19 के New Variant (B.1.1.529) 'Omicron' के नियंत्रण हेतु
दिशा-निर्देश के सम्बन्ध में।

महोदया/महोदय,

कोविड-19 के New Variant - B.1.1.529 - 'Omicron' को World Health Organization (WHO) ने Variant of Concern (VoC) घोषित किया है जो कि तेजी से फैलने की क्षमता रखता है।

इस सन्दर्भ में स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार द्वारा दिनांक 28 नवम्बर, 2021 को दिशा-निर्देश जारी किए गए हैं। उक्त दिशा-निर्देश के क्रम में राज्य सरकार द्वारा पूर्व में जारी अपने आदेश संख्या: 709/USDMA/792 (2020), दिनांक 18 नवम्बर, 2021 में निम्नानुसार संशोधन किए जाते हैं:-

1. स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार द्वारा जारी दिशा-निर्देश दिनांक 28 नवम्बर, 2021 (संलग्नक-01) के प्रावधानों का अनुपालन सभी सम्बन्धितों द्वारा किया जायेगा।
2. गृह मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार द्वारा जारी आदेश संख्या-40-3/2020-DM-I(A) दिनांक 30 नवम्बर, 2021 (संलग्नक-02) के प्रावधानों का अनुपालन सभी सम्बन्धितों द्वारा किया जायेगा।
3. राज्य में टीकाकरण के कार्य में तेजी लाते हुए तथा कोविड संक्रमण की निगरानी एवं नियंत्रण व्यवस्था को सक्रिय तरीके से सभी क्षेत्रों में प्रभावी रूप से लागू किया जायेगा।
4. राज्य के हवाई अड्डा/रेलवे स्टेशन/बार्डर चेक पोस्ट/पर्यटक स्थलों एवं भीड़-भाड़ वाले स्थानों पर Covid Testing randomly किया जायेगा। Covid Test के दौरान Positive फ़ये जाने वाले व्यक्तियों को तुरन्त कोविड प्रोटोकॉल के तहत चिकित्सा सुविधा प्रदान की जायेगी।

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5. सभी सार्वजनिक स्थानों पर COVID Appropriate Behaviour जैसे कि सामाजिक दूरी, मास्क पहनना एवं हाथों को Sanitize करने आदि का कड़ाई से अनुपालन कराना सुनिश्चित किया जाएगा। उक्त का उल्लंघन करने पर संबंधित के विरुद्ध सख्ती से कार्यवाही सुनिश्चित की जाएगी।
6. कोविड-19 के New Variant (B.1.1.529) 'Omicron' से बचाव हेतु प्रत्येक जनपद में लोगों को जागरूक करने के लिए अभियान चलाया जायेगा।
7. राज्य के समस्त महाविद्यालय, मेडिकल एवं नर्सिंग कॉलेज, इंजीनियरिंग कॉलेज, कृषि एवं प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, समस्त विश्वविद्यालय एवं अन्य सभी शैक्षिक संस्थानों में Covid Test किया जायेगा। Testing के दौरान Positive पाये जाने वाले विद्यार्थियों, शिक्षकों एवं अन्य कर्मचारियों को तत्काल कोविड प्रोटोकॉल के तहत चिकित्सा सुविधा प्रदान की जायेगी।
8. राज्य के समस्त स्वास्थ्य कर्मियों एवं Frontline Workers का Covid Test किया जायेगा।
9. अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सीमा (नेपाल) पर आवाजाही के समय COVID Vaccination की दोनों डोज लगाने के 15 दिनों के उपरान्त का प्रमाण पत्र दिखाने पर ही राज्य के अन्दर प्रवेश की अनुमति प्रदान की जायेगी एवं समय-समय पर अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बॉर्डर चेक पोस्ट पर Covid Test randomly किया जायेगा।

10. General Directives for COVID-19 Management:

राज्य में COVID-19 प्रबंधन के निम्नलिखित निर्देशों का कड़ाई से पालन सुनिश्चित किया जायेगा :-

- i. सार्वजनिक स्थानों, कार्यस्थल एवं सार्वजनिक परिवहन में यात्रा करने वाले व्यक्तियों को मास्क पहनना अनिवार्य होगा।
- ii. सार्वजनिक स्थानों पर व्यक्तियों को सामाजिक दूरी का पालन करते हुए 6 फिट की दूरी बनाए रखना अनिवार्य होगा।
- iii. सार्वजनिक स्थानों पर थूकना गैरकानूनी होगा जिसके लिए निर्धारित जुर्माने के साथ दंड का प्रावधान होगा।
- iv. सार्वजनिक स्थानों पर पान, गुटखा, तंबाकू आदि का सेवन प्रतिबंधित होगा।

11. कमजोर व संवेदनशील व्यक्तियों की सुरक्षा:

निम्नलिखित श्रेणी के व्यक्तियों को आवश्यक और स्वास्थ्य संबंधी कारणों से ही घर से बाहर जाने की अनुमति होगी :-

- i. 65 वर्ष से अधिक आयु के व्यक्ति।
- ii. Persons with co-morbidities.
- iii. गर्भवती एवं स्तनपान कराने वाली महिलाएं।

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12. दंड के प्रावधान:

- i. उपरोक्त दिशा-निर्देशों का उल्लंघन करने वाले व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध आपदा प्रबंधन अधिनियम 2005 (Section 51 to 60), महामारी अधिनियम 1897 एवं IPC की धारा 188 प्रावधानों के अन्तर्गत कानूनी कार्यवाही अमल में लाई जायेगी।

अतः उपर्युक्त दिशा-निर्देशों का कड़ाई से अनुपालन सुनिश्चित कराये जाने हेतु आवश्यक कार्यवाही करने का कष्ट करें।

उपर्युक्त आदेश दिनांक 01 दिसम्बर, 2021 से अग्रिम आदेश तक प्रभावी होंगे।

भवदीय,



(डॉ० सुखबीर सिंह सन्धु, IAS)

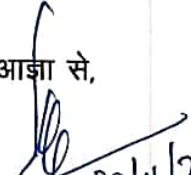
मुख्य सचिव/मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी

संख्या एवं दिनांक उपरोक्तानुसार।

निम्नलिखित को सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु प्रेषित-

1. सचिव, श्री राज्यफल, उत्तराखण्ड।
2. सचिव, मा. मुख्यमंत्री जी, उत्तराखण्ड।
3. निजी सचिव, मा. मंत्री, आपदा प्रबंधन।
4. सचिव, विधानसभा, उत्तराखण्ड।
5. महाधिवक्ता, मा० उच्च न्यायालय, नैनीताल।
6. सचिव, गोपन (मंत्रिपरिषद), विभाग, उत्तराखण्ड शासन।
7. समस्त निजी सचिव, मा. मंत्रीगण को मा. मंत्रीगणों के संज्ञानार्थ प्रेषित।
8. स्टॉफ आफिसर, मुख्य सचिव, उत्तराखण्ड शासन।
9. सम्बन्धित पत्रावली।

आज्ञा से,



30/11/2021

(एस० ए० मुरुगेशन, IAS)
सचिव

संख्या: 738/USDMA/792(2020)

कोविड-19 के New Variant (B.1.1.529) Omicron के नियंत्रण हेतु दिशा-निर्देश के सम्बन्ध में।

Dated the 28th 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 11th 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 (5% of the total flight passengers) shall undergo post-arrival testing at random at the airport on arrival.
 - a. The 5% 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 MoCA.

- 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.

No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

North Block, New Delhi-110001

Dated 30th November, 2021

ORDER

Whereas, an Order of even number dated 28th September, 2021, was issued to ensure compliance to the containment measures for COVID-19, as conveyed *vide* Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) DO No. Z.28015/85/2021-DM Cell dated 21st September, 2021, which was further extended for a period upto 30.11.2021 *vide* Order of even number dated 28.10.2021;

And whereas, considering the emergence of highly mutant COVID-19 variant B.1.1529 cases in few countries of Africa, MoHFW *vide* DO No. 25/S(HFW)/CVariant/2021 dated 25th November, 2021, has issued an advisory to all States and Union Territories (UTs), for rigorous screening and testing of all international arrivals, as per their guidelines issued from time to time. Further the contacts of these international travelers must also be closely tracked and tested as per MoHFW guidelines and the samples of travelers turning positive are sent to the designated INSACOG Genome Sequencing Laboratories (IGSLs) promptly, as per the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG) Guidance Document. State Surveillance Officers must also establish a close coordination with their designated/tagged IGSLs for expediting results of genomic analysis, and the States/UTs should immediately undertake necessary public health measures, in case presence of Variants of Concern/Variants of interest (VOCs/VoIs) is reported by the INSACOG network;

Whereas, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 6(2)(i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 (DM Act), National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has directed the undersigned to issue an Order, for containment of COVID-19 in the country;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(I) of the DM Act, the undersigned, hereby directs that the Order of the Ministry of Home Affairs of even number, dated 28th September, 2021, to ensure compliance with the Prompt & Effective Containment Measures for COVID-19, as conveyed *vide* Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) DO No. Z.28015/85/2021-DM Cell, dated 21st September, 2021, will remain in force upto the 31st December, 2021. Further it is directed to ensure strict compliance to the aforesaid MoHFW advisory (**Annexure-I**) dated 25th November, 2021.


Union Home Secretary 30/11/2021

and, Chairperson, National Executive Committee (NEC)

To:

1. The Secretaries of Ministries/ Departments of Government of India
2. The Chief Secretaries/Administrators of States/Union Territories

(As per list attached)

Copy to:

- i. All Members of the National Executive Committee
- ii. Member Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority



राजेश भूषण, आईएएस
सचिव

RAJESH BHUSHAN, IAS
SECRETARY



Annexure-I

भारत सरकार
स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण विभाग
स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय

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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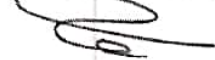
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5. You are also requested to ensure that samples of travellers turning positive are sent to the designated IGSLs promptly as per the INSACOG Guidance Document issued by this Ministry available at <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/INSACOGGuidanceDocumentdated15July2021final.pdf> 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.

Warm Regards.

Yours sincerely



(Rajesh Bhushan)

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

Copy for information to: Director NCDC