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## COMMISSIONERATE Health and Family Welfare Service

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## Addendum Circular

**Subject:** Addendum to revised guidelines for international returnees to Karnataka (version 5) – compulsory RT-PCR test reg.

**References:** 1. Meeting under chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for HFW and Medical Education dated 23/12.2020

> 2. Circular no. NVBDCP/EST7A/COVID-19/2020-21 regarding revised Guidelines for international returnees to Karnataka (version 5) dated 13.11.2020.

In view of a new variant of SARS- CoV2 virus [Variant Under Investigation (VUI)-20212/01] reported by the Government of United Kingdom (UK) to World Health Organization(WHO), Government of India and Government of Karnataka have initiated measures to strengthen surveillance of international passengers who have travelled to India from or transited through UK in the past 4 weeks.

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The following addendum is issued to circular mentioned in reference (2) vide above and will be **applicable to all international returnees arriving from any country to Karnataka through airport/seaport and shall be implemented with immediate effect from the date of issue of this circular.** 

"All international passengers arriving in Karnataka from any country shall have COVID negative certificate (issued within 72 hours from time of departure), otherwise they will be mandatorily subjected to RT-PCR test for COVID-19 at the port of entry (BIAL Bengaluru, Mangaluru International Airport, Mangaluru seaport and Karwar seaport)"

Authorities at BIAL Bengaluru, Mangaluru International Airport, Mangaluru seaport and Karwar seaport shall take necessary measures to implement this with immediate effect in association with jurisdictional DHOs. Facility for RT-PCR testing or



swab collection shall be made available. Passengers who have given swab samples shall be advised strict home quarantine till receipt of lab report. The passengers can opt for free RT-PCR testing by government or express test at Airport at their own expenses.

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To:

- 1. The Managing Director & CEO, KIAL, Bengaluru / Mangaluru International Airport, Mangaluru
- 2. The Chairman, Seaport Mangalore / Karwar.
- 3. The Deputy Commissioners of all Districts.
- 4. The CEOs ZPs, All Districts
- 5. The District Surgeon, All Districts.
- 6. The District Health Officer, All Districts.
- 7. The District Surveillance Officer, All Districts.
- 8. All COVID 19 Testing Laboratories.

Copy to,

- 1. The Commissioner, BBMP, Bangalore
- 2. The Special Commissioner Health , BBMP, Bengaluru
- 3. The Mission Director, NHM, Arogyasoudha, Bangalore
- 4. The Director, Health & F W Services, Arogyasoudha, Bangalore
- 5. The Director, Medical Education, AnandaRao Circle, Bangalore

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