



**GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**

No: HFW 148 ACS 2021

Karnataka Government Secretariat  
Vikasa Soudha  
Bengaluru, dated 7.5.2021

**CIRCULAR**

**Subject: Stopping RT – PCR test at Airport for passengers arriving from Maharashtra, Kerala, Punjab and Chandigarh - Reg.**

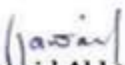
**Reference: 1.Circular No: HFW 84 ACS 2021, dated: 22.3.2021.**

**2. ICMR, Dept. of Health Research, MoH& FW, GoI, Advisory for COVID 19 testing during the second wave of the pandemic. Dated:4.5.2021.**

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In view of up - surge in COVID-19 cases in Maharashtra, Kerala, Punjab and Chandigarh, as per the reference cited, it was made mandatory for the passengers to possess RT – PCR negative report (not older than 72 Hrs) while arriving to Karnataka. Concerned Airways were made responsible to comply the same. Further, necessary arrangements were made at Airports for verifying the RT – PCR Negative Report and collection and testing the samples for those who arrive without the above said report, so as to prevent the further spread.

As per the reference (2) cited and considering the current situation, it is now instructed to stop the process of verifying the RT- PCR Negative Test Report for individuals arriving from Maharashtra, Kerala, Punjab and Chandigarh. However, it is mandatory that those with COVID -19 symptoms should carry a RT- PCR Negative Test Report. Further, the airport authorities shall continue to ensure that the travelers strictly comply with the COVID Appropriate Behaviour in the interest of Public Health.

  
(Jawaid Akhtar)

Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.,  
Department of Health and Family Welfare

**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, Bealgaavi, Kalaburagi & Mysore.
5. The Chief Commissioner - BBMP, Bengaluru
6. The Deputy Commissioners of all districts
7. CEO, ZP of all districts
8. The District Health and Family Welfare officers of all districts
9. The District Surgeons of all districts
10. The District Surveillance Officers of all districts

**Copy for information to:**

1. Chief Secretary, GoK
2. Additional Chief Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister
3. Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department
4. Smt. Shikha, IAS, Managing Director , BMTCL, Bengaluru, Coordinator, Domestic & International Returnees, BIAL, Bengaluru.
5. The Commissioner, Health & F W Services, Bengaluru
6. Mission Director-National Health Mission
7. The Director, Health & Family Welfare Services
8. PS to Hon'ble Minister for HFW and Medical Education.