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Govt directs testing, tracing of those who came from UK

Infected To Be Isolated While Strain Checked

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New Delhi: A new set of standard operating procedures issued by the Centre prescribes various actions from the point of entry and in the community for all international passengers who have travelled from or transited through the UK in the past four weeks — from Nov 25 to Dec 23.

State-wise passenger manifests of flights from Britain which landed at various

► **Govt rules out CBSE board exams at least till Feb, P 10**

international airports in India in the past four weeks will be conveyed by the Bureau of Immigration to state governments and the integrated disease surveillance programme. District surveillance officers will ensure daily follow-up of those under observation for 28 days starting from the date of arrival.

All passengers from the UK disembarking in India will be subject to a mandatory RT-PCR test. If they are positive, they will also have to undergo a spike gene-based RT-PCR test and will be put in a separate isolation facility coordinated by state health authorities. If the sequencing is consistent with the current strain of the virus going around in the country, then the ongoing treatment protocol, including home isolation or treatment as per case severity, will be followed. All community contacts, without exception, of travellers who test positive will be sub-

SPIKE GENE TEST AFTER RT-PCR

► Those who travelled/transited from UK to declare **travel history of past 14 days**, fill up self-declaration form

► Arrivals between Dec 21 and 23 to **undergo RT-PCR test**. If positive, spike gene-based test to be done

► Those testing **positive to be sent to institutional isolation facility** by respective state authorities

► If carrying current Covid-19 strain, to be administered ongoing treatment protocol, including home isolation or treatment at facility level

► If infected with new variant, s/he to **remain in a separate**

isolation unit

► Those testing negative to be advised home quarantine

► **Contacts** of travellers testing positive to be in **institutional quarantine and tested** as per ICMR guidelines. Contacts are **co-passengers**

seated in same row, 3 rows in front and 3 rows behind along with identified cabin crew

► Those who arrived from Britain between Nov 25 and Dec 8 will be contacted by district surveillance officers and advised to self-monitor health

► DSOs to conduct **daily follow-ups for arrivals between Dec 9 and 23** for 14 days



5 at IGI among 20 arrivals to test +ve at 5 airports

Twenty passengers and crew coming from London tested positive for Covid-19 at five Indian airports in the last two days. The swab samples have been sent to NIV, Pune, to check if the virus is of the mutant strain. While five flyers and crew tested positive at the IGI Airport in Delhi, seven passengers and one crew member tested positive at Amritsar, even as two flyers at Kolkata, four at Ahmedabad, and one at Chennai tested positive on Tuesday. TNN

Over 2k landed in Karnataka in Dec; BSY rules out night curfew for now

Bengaluru: A total of 2,127 passengers arrived in Karnataka from the UK between December 1 and 21, and the state government has launched an intensive process of tracing them in the light of concerns over a new variant of coronavirus surfacing in parts of Europe, according to a Covid bulletin issued late Tuesday night by the health and family welfare department.

Chief minister BS Yediyurappa ruled out imposing night curfew for now and reiterated

subject to institutional quarantine in separate centres and will be tested between the fifth and tenth days. Those found negative on testing with RT-PCR at the airport will be advised quarantine at home.

Those who arrived in India from the UK between Nov

curbs on New Year celebrations. "We will screen passengers at the airport before letting them in," the CM said, adding all precautions are being taken to prevent spread of virus.

On Tuesday, the state reported 1,141 new Covid-positive cases, of which 585 were from Bengaluru. A total of 95,708 tests were conducted in the state in the past 24 hours. The daily positivity rate stood at 1.1% and the case fatality rate was 1.2%. The day saw 14 Covid deaths. TNN

25 and Dec 8 (first and second week from Nov 25) will be contacted by district surveillance officers and advised to self-monitor their health. If any of them develops symptoms, they will be tested by RT-PCR and will be subjected to the protocols as stated in the SOP.

Variant can be 'superspreader', affecting young

The new variant of the virus can be a "superspreader" with its higher transmissibility potential, the Centre warned on Tuesday, but added that the mutation had not been detected in India and is not seen to affect the severity of the disease or have a bearing on deaths. The strain is estimated by the European Centre for Disease Control to be affecting the younger population. P10

To keep a close check on the new strain of the virus, the health ministry has asked state governments to send the samples of passengers who tested positive to the National Institute of Virology, Pune, or any other designated lab for genome sequencing study.