



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

Health & Family Welfare Department - Covid-19 containment activities - Incoming travellers - Surveillance - Orders issued

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**HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (F) DEPARTMENT**

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**ORDER**

The current situation of COVID19 pandemic across the world and in India is characterized by a sharp increase in number of cases probably reflecting increased infectivity due to variant viruses and due to lowering of prevention precautions with regard to adherence to universal masking, physical distancing and hand hygiene. Introduction of variants of virus to Kerala through travellers from abroad or domestic travellers might lead to a sharp surge in the number of cases in Kerala.

2. Having examined the matter in detail, Government have issued the order that all travellers coming to Kerala shall get SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR tested and shall stick to strict universal masking, hand hygiene and physical distancing.

All travellers are instructed as follows for protecting their health, their families' health and public health. Such coordinated peoples' action will assist to manage the increase in COVID cases effectively.

***All domestic travellers visiting Kerala***

- a. Shall register in e Jagratha portal.
- b. All domestic travellers irrespective of vaccination status shall undergo SARS CoV - 2 RT PCR test either within 48 hours prior to entering the state or immediately after entering the state of Kerala.
- c. Those undertaking RTPCR test on arrival shall be in room isolation at their

respective places of stay till RT PCR report is available.

- d. If RT PCR test is positive, patient shall seek medical attention from health institution.
- e. If RT PCR test is negative, the person shall follow strict universal masking, safe distancing and hand hygiene during their stay in Kerala . If they develop symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, breathlessness, muscle pain, fatigability, anosmia, diarrhoea) during their stay in Kerala, they shall seek medical attention immediately.
- f. Those who do not undergo RT PCR testing will have to remain in room isolation for 14 days from date of entry to Kerala and do self-observation regarding symptoms. If they develop any symptoms, they shall seek medical attention immediately.

***All International travellers / tourists visiting Kerala***

All international travellers shall continue to follow the present protocol for International Travellers surveillance at the airports upon arrival from outside the country issued by Government of India.

All are advised to strictly observe social distancing, wearing mask and hand hygiene and continue self-observation of any Influenza like symptoms and avail the health services immediately, if symptomatic.

The SOP for Travellers visiting Kerala is attached as Annexure.

(By order of the Governor)  
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## SOP FOR TRAVELLERS VISITING KERALA

