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Department of Health & Family Welfare

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Date : 27/12/2021

From : Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department

To : 1. The Commissioner, Kolkata Municipal Corporation
2. The District Magistrates (All)
3. The Chief Medical of Health (All)

Sub: Contact tracing and re-testing of the international travellers regarding

Sir,

As the five confirmed cases of SARS-CoV2 Variant B.1.1.529 (Omicron Variant) have been reported in the State, it has become imperative for strict surveillance and follow up of all such international passengers arriving in the State. In the interest of public health, it is requested for proper co-ordinated surveillance in line with the guidelines for International Travel issued by the MoHFW, GoI.

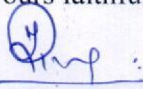
The surveillance and contact tracing shall be completed in the following way by all stakeholders and the reports shall be sent accordingly.

- a) The list of international passengers coming in the State will be shared from the email id: mdnhmwb@gmail.com.
- b) The respective Contact Tracing Cell of each district and KMC will contact these passengers and remind them for re-test on 8th day (RT-PCR) of their arrival.
- c) Further follow up calls will again have to be made following the 8th day for confirmation of re-test being done.
- d) If the traveller develops symptoms, test has to be done forthwith, instead of waiting for the 8th day.
- e) If an international passenger is found to be test positive, the sample shall be sent for genome sequencing and he/she must be kept in institutional isolation (separate isolation), till the genomic test report, as guided by the isolation protocol issued vide no HPH/9M-21/2020/Part-II/371 dated 21.12.2021. These.
- f) If the person is found to be negative, he/she shall be advised for further home isolation till completion of 14 days.

- g) The list of co-passengers of any positive international traveller (Omicron suspect) will also be shared on receipt of such list from the airlines authorities.
- h) These co-passengers would also need to be traced and arrangements have to be made for immediate sample collection for RT-PCR.
- i) If any of the co-passengers is found to be positive, the protocol as mentioned in point (e) is to be followed. Such sample shall be sent for genomic test.
- j) The close contacts (community contacts) of the positive international travellers are also to be traced. They have to be kept in institutional quarantine and tested as per ICMR protocol for contacts.
- k) Reports with regard to contacts made, sample collection, test done and result of such tests shall be shared with the state authority forthwith in the attached formats in the following mail id-s: ncovrep.wb@gmail.com and po2.nhm2021@gmail.com.

Proper co-ordination would ensure timely screening and check on the spread of the virus. The State IDSP Cell shall assist the district/KMC team for any further clarification.


Yours faithfully,

 : 22/12/2021
Secretary

Health & Family Welfare Department

Copy forwarded for information and necessary arrangements to

1. The Commissioner of Police, Kolkata Police.
2. The Director of Health Service, H&FW Dept. GoWB.
3. The Superintendent of Police (All)
4. The Jt. DHS, (PHD&CD), IDSP Cell, H&FW Dept.

 : 22/12/2021
Secretary

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Surveillance Report of International Passengers

Date of arrival	Date(s) when attempts made to contact	Contacted & Informed for 8th day test	Could not be contacted	Could not be contacted							How many are symptomatic	No. tested out of symptomatic	How many positive*	Date(s) when contacted again to know about scheduled test	How many done scheduled 8th day test	How many positive*	Remarks (if any)
				Not repoding	Incoming facility not available	All routes are busy	Refused to talk	Hind Lab/ Airport Number	Invalid/ Wrong number	Switched off							
18.12.21	19.12, 20.12	10	5	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	26.12, 27.12	7	1	
Total																	

* Details of test positives to be shown in the next worksheet.
Please add rows, as necessary, before row of total.

Surveillance Report Format for Co-passangers & Community contacts of International travellers of West Bengal											
Date of enlistment of the contacts	No. of contacts enlisted on the day			No. that could be traced	Could not be traced	Asymptomatic	Symptomatic	No. tested (RT-PCR) out of symptomatic	No. of RT-PCR positive*	No. of contacts completed quarantine	Remarks if any
	No. of Co-passengers	No. of Community Contacts	Total contacts enlisted								
Total											

* Details of positives to be given in the next worksheet.
 For adding further dates of enlistment, add rows before 'Total' as required.

