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Sub - Directives under the Epidemic Act, 1987 and Disaster Management Act, 2005.

Ref: 1) GOI, Ministry of Family welfare, dated 30th November, 2021.
2) Govt. of Maharashtra order no: DMU/2020/CR.92/disM-1, dated 30th November,2021

Respected Sir,

The mutation of SARS-CoV-2 variant (B.1.1.529; named Omicron), reported from South Africa is designated as Variant of Concern (VoC) by WHO. In view of possible threat, it is essential to rigorously implement disease surveillance for all international travelers, especially those arriving from countries at risk.

On this background, Government of Maharashtra is requested to issue orders / instructions as below:

1. DCP Immigration and FRRO to draft a **proforma of declaration** for all arriving passengers to declare details of the countries visited in the last 15 days. This proforma shall be handed over to CEO Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL).
2. CEO MIAL shall share this proforma with all airlines through e-mail for immediate implementation. The proforma shall clearly mention that the information provided by the passenger about their last 15 days travel shall be cross checked by immigration officers by checking entries in their passport. Any incorrect information furnished by the passenger shall be dealt with serious consequences.
3. The passengers arriving from countries at 'ultra risk' (South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Lasotho, Zimbabwe, Eswatini) shall be de-boarded on priority and airport authority or CEO MIAL shall have separate dedicated counters for their verification and checking. Such passengers shall be sent to mandatory 7 days institutional quarantine. Besides, any passenger who visited any of these ultra-risk countries during past 15 days shall be sent for Institutional quarantine for 7 days. Any passengers who are symptomatic on arrival shall also be sent for Institutional quarantine. A RT-PCR test shall be conducted on the day of arrival

(day 1) for all these passengers. After completion of seven days of Institutional quarantine, a RT-PCR test shall be conducted again and if the test result is negative, they shall undergo seven days of Home quarantine. If tested positive, such passengers shall be admitted to Seven Hills Hospital or dedicated private hospital.

4. **Except** those passengers who are described in para-3, the other passengers from "at risk" countries shall be subject to protocol prescribed by G.O.I. in the guideline issued on 30th November, 2021.
5. Passengers travelling from countries excluding those countries at risk shall be subjected to the protocol prescribed by G.O.I. in the guidelines issued on 30th November, 2021.
6. Domestic passengers who are arriving into Maharashtra have to be double-vaccinated or RT-PCR negative in test carried out within 72 hours before boarding.
7. CEO MIAL to instruct all domestic airlines to mandate all domestic passengers who are not double vaccinated boarding for Mumbai, to carry a negative RT-PCR report done within 72 hours of boarding without any exemption.
8. Passengers crossing inter-state border by road shall carry a negative RT-PCR report done within 72 hours of crossing. If the RT-PCR report is not available, such passengers shall be screened and tested (RT-PCR/ antigen) at the check posts.
9. In extremely exceptional cases, RT-PCR shall be allowed for domestic passengers at Mumbai Airport on arrival. Screening of passengers at railway stations and Bus Depots shall be done. If passenger is found symptomatic, testing shall be done and covid protocols shall be followed.

With warm regards,

Yours

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