

**Government of Punjab
Department of Health & Family Welfare**

No. COVID/NHM/Pb/2020/7849-92

Dated: 28/12/2020

To,

1. All the Deputy Commissioner of Punjab.
2. All the Civil Surgeon of Punjab.

Subject: Regarding tracing, surveillance and RTPCR testing of International passengers arrived/transit through UK.

With reference to the above mentioned subject, it is stated that tracing, surveillance and RT-PCR testing of International passengers who have arrived/transited through UK needs to be done as per the new SOPs issued by Government of India.

As per the new SOPs, following are the key points for consideration:

1. Passengers arriving from or transiting through UK between 25 Nov- 8 Dec are to be kept in home quarantined and monitored for 28 days starting from day of arrival. If anyone develops symptoms, to be tested for COVID-19 by RTPCR.
2. Passengers arriving/transiting through UK between 9-23 Dec are to be tested as per recent SOPs with RTPCR (SOPs attached)
3. Contacts of COVID-19 positive passengers arriving/transiting through UK need to be kept in institutional quarantine facility and tested as per ICMR Protocol.
4. Those passengers/contacts that test positive are to be isolated at separate isolation Health Facility segregated/separate from domestic COVID-19 positive patients. If negative are to be kept under surveillance for 28 days.
5. Samples of those who test positive for COVID-19 are to be sent for Genome sequencing as per protocol.

In view of the above it is advised that District Administration in collaboration with Department of Health Department ensures following:-

- i. Create/activate appropriate quarantine facility for contacts of COVID-19 positive International passengers who have arrived/transit through UK.
- ii. Ensuring quarantine and testing of International travelers arriving/transiting through UK as per SOPs.

- iii. Identify separate isolation facility for COVID-19 positive patients with all amenities available like Medical care, food, laundry, biomedical waste management etc. and also keeping in mind the weather conditions.
- iv. If genome sequencing is negative for new variant of COVID-19, those patients are to be managed as per existing protocol for COVID-19.
- v. Those who test positive for new variant of COVID-19 are to be kept in institutional isolation. These persons are to be tested after 14 days and to be discharged only after two consecutive RTPCR reports at least 24 hours apart are negative.


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