

CIRCULAR

Sub: Preventive measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 –
Quarantine guidelines on arrivals from abroad


It has been reported that a distinct Phylogenetic cluster of SARs-CoV-2 variant has been detected and is spreading and growing rapidly in the UK. It has also been reported that this variant has an unusually large number of genetic changes particularly in the spike protein. This development calls for enhanced epidemiological surveillance, enhanced containment and other measures to effectively tackle the challenge. In this scenario any interjection of a SARS-CoV-2 variant virus through passengers with air travel history could pose critical risks for pandemic management. Accordingly, the Public (S.C) Department of the Tamil Nadu Government has issued a formal communication on 21.12.2020 in this regard (Copy enclosed).

As a measure of abundant caution, family members/relatives/guests of township residents arriving from different countries, especially from the UK, through international flights (or from other countries via flights in transit) to DAE Townships, Kalpakkam and Anupuram shall be put to quarantine for 14 days outside the Township by the particular family, before being brought into the quarter allotted in the townships. It is the primary responsibility of the Allottee to report the arrival of such persons from abroad to DAE Hospital, failing which the whole family will be quarantined.

Attention is invited to O.O.No. GSO/KMC/2020/22 dated 09.09.2020. It is reiterated that Township residents/visitors including relatives returning from States outside Tamil Nadu after more than 72 hours should strictly report to Fever Clinic for necessary certificate for home quarantine as per the State Protocols (which continues to be for 14 days at present). In case any such persons develop symptoms before 14 days, they must immediately visit DAE Hospital for further medical advice.

In addition, in line with Govt. of TN orders dated 22.12.2020 (copy enclosed), residents will not be permitted to gather on the beach/parks or roads as part of New Year celebrations on 31.12.2020 and 01.01.2021.

All are requested to cooperate in our endeavour to contain spread of COVID-19.


23/12/2020
(Arun Kumar Bhaduri)
Director, GSO & Chairman, KMC

All Heads of Units, DAE, Kalpakkam
All Administrative Heads of Units, DAE, Kalpakkam
All Intranet Websites
All Email IDs, Kalpakkam



ABSTRACT

Disaster Management Act, 2005 – COVID-19 – Infection prevention and Control – Ban on 2021 New Year Celebrations in Restaurants, Hotels, Clubs, Resorts (including beach resorts) and other similar places and Beaches – Notification – Issued.

REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT (DM-IV) DEPARTMENT

GO.Ms.No. 787

Dated : 22.12.2020

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Read :

1. G.O.Ms.No.152, Health and Family Welfare (P1) Department, dated 23.03.2020
2. Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-1(A), dated 25.03.2020.
3. G.O.(Ms)No.172, Revenue and Disaster Management (D.M.II) Department, dated 25.03.2020 and addendums issued thereon.
4. G.O.(Ms)No.217, Revenue Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated:03.5.2020 and amendment issued thereon.
5. G.O.(Ms)No.229, Revenue Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated:09.05.2020.
6. G.O.(Ms)No.245, Revenue Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated:18.05.2020 and amendments issued thereon.
7. G.O.(Ms)No.262, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated:31.05.2020.
8. G.O.Ms.No.324, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated: 30.06.2020 and amendment issued thereon.
9. G.O.Ms.No.396, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated: 31.07.2020 and amendment issued thereon.
10. G.O.Ms.No.447, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, dated: 31.08.2020 and amendment issued thereon.

11. G.O. Ms.No.541, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, dated: 30.9.2020.
12. G.O. Ms.No.613, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, dated: 31.10.2020.
13. G.O. Ms.No.673, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, dated: 30.11.2020.
14. Government Press Release No.984, dated 21.12.2020.
15. From the Additional Chief Secretary and Commissioner of Revenue Administration Ir.No.OCI/563/1 dated 22.12.2020

NOTIFICATION

Considering the recommendations of the expert team of Doctors and Public Health specialists and based on the directives of Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, State-wide lockdown was extended from time to time and lastly extended till 24:00 Hrs of 31.12.2020 under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 with certain restrictions and many relaxations along with guidelines in G.O.Ms.No.673, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated: 30.11.2020.

2. Now, in the Press Release dated 21.12.2020, it has been stated that it is expected that a large number of people would participate in the celebrations usually organized in the Restaurants, Hotels, Clubs, Resorts (including beach resorts) and other similar places on 31.12.2020 for the New Year 2021. Further, large number of general public would also assemble on 31.12.2020 in the Beaches and Roads to celebrate the New Year 2021 which would ultimately lead to increase in the rate of infection of Covid-19 which has been brought under control. It has been further stated that Covid-19 virus has again hit some foreign countries and hence it becomes essential to intensify the preventive measures for Covid-19. It has also been stated that though Restaurants, Hotels, Clubs, Resorts (including beach resorts) and other similar places have been permitted to function as usual, New Year 2021 celebrations shall not be permitted in the Restaurants, Hotels, Clubs, Resorts (including beach resorts) on 31.12.2020 night. Further, as New Year 2021 celebrations in the Beaches and Roads have not been permitted, the general public shall not be allowed in the beaches on 31.12.2020 and 01.01.2021.

3. In accordance with the Press Release No.984, dated 21.12.2020, the Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration has sent proposal for issue of an order in this regard.

4. In accordance with the Press Release No.984, dated 21.12.2020 and based on the proposal of the Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration, the Government hereby issue the following order:-

- i. **New Year 2021 celebrations in the Restaurants, Hotels, Clubs, Resorts (including beach resorts) and other similar places on 31.12.2020 night shall not be permitted.**
- ii. **As the New Year 2021 celebrations in the Beaches and Roads have not been permitted, the general public shall not be allowed in the beaches on 31.12.2020 and 01.01.2021.**

(By order of the Governor)

K.SHANMUGAM
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Works Manager, Government Central Press, Chennai- 600 079.
(for publication in the Tamil Nadu Government Extraordinary Gazette
dated: 22.12.2020 (50 copies)
All Additional Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries and
Secretaries to Government, Secretariat, Chennai - 9.
The Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue
Administration, Disaster Management, Chepauk, Chennai-05.
The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation, Chennai -600003
All District Collector / District Judges/ District Magistrates.
The Registrar General, High Court of Madras, Chennai-104.
The Registrar, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.
All Constitutional / Statutory Bodies including
All State Corporation, Local Bodies, Boards, Universities,
Commissions, Companies, Institutions, Societies, etc.
The Accountant General, Chennai-18.
The Commissioner of Treasuries and Accounts, Chennai-35.
All Pay and Accounts Officers /District Treasury Officers.

Copy to:

The Hon'ble Chief Minister Office, Chennai-09.
The Special PA to Hon'ble Minister for Revenue and Disaster
Management and Information Technology, Chennai-09.
The Private Secretary to Chief Secretary to Government, Chennai-9.

/Forwarded By Order/

S. Shanmugam
20/12/2020
SECTION OFFICER.

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Secretariat,
Chennai-600 009.

PUBLIC (S.C.) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.CSCR/130- 303/2020

Dated: 21.12.2020

From
Dr. P. Senthilkumar, I.A.S.,
Principal Secretary to Government.

To
The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Chennai-9
The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Chennai-9
The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Municipal Administration and Water Supply Dept, Chennai-9
The Director-General of Police, Chennai-4
The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation, Chennai-3
All District Collectors.
The Airport Directors,
Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai and Trichy Airports.

Sir,

Sub: International arrivals from UK – Mandatory RT-PCR on arrival – Quarantine and other Guidelines – Reg.

Ref: D.O. Letter No. Z-21020/16/2020-PH dated 21st December, 2020, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

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The Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare,
Government of India has informed vide D.O. Letter No. Z-21020 /

16 / 2020 - PH dated 21st December, 2020 that a distinct Phylogenetic cluster of SARs-CoV-2 (named lineage B.1.1.7) has been detected and is spreading and growing rapidly in United Kingdom. This development calls for enhanced epidemiological surveillance, enhanced containment and other measures to effectively tackle the challenge.

2. Considering the prevailing situation in UK, the Government of India has decided that all flights originating from UK to India to be suspended till 31st December 2020 (23.59 hours). This suspension will start with effect from 23.59 hours, 22nd December 2020. Consequently flights from India to UK shall stand temporarily suspended during above said period. Moreover, around 30 Countries have suspended flights originating from UK. However, transit passengers are expected from UK through other Countries.

3. In this regard, the following guidelines are issued by the State Government for strict adherence for the Passengers who are arriving from United Kingdom to Tamil Nadu;

- i. All the passengers who are travelling to Tamil Nadu from United Kingdom **should have negative – RT-PCR Test Report (Test should be taken within 96 hours prior to the arrival)**. The Air Operator shall not permit passengers who have not tested RT-PCR and tested negative within 96 hours prior to the arrival. The passenger should submit RT-PCR test report result to the staff posted at the airport by the concerned District Collector.
- ii. **Government of India has mandated that all passengers arriving from UK in all international flights (flights in transit) should be subjected to mandatory RT PCR test on arrival at the airport (on payment basis). They shall be put on institutional quarantine for this purpose.** If found positive, they should be shifted to hospital quarantine.

Those who test negative should be advised to isolate themselves for 14 days in home quarantine.

- iii. Adequate arrangements for passengers for RT-PCR test shall be arranged at the airports by the Collectors concerned in association with Health Department for institutional quarantine in hotels at the cost of passengers, till the test results are finalized.
- iv. Relevant information regarding the RT PCR test at the airport on arrival may be prominently displayed in the arrival area and waiting area of the airports.
- v. All the incoming passengers from United Kingdom shall undergo mandatory thermal screening at the Airport for any symptoms of COVID-19.
- vi. Auto generated TN e-Pass is mandatory (<https://tnepass.tnega.org/>). The passengers should carry the copy of TN e-Pass before boarding. **The Airlines should ensure that the passengers are having e-pass copy (Physical/Electronic) with them before boarding.**
- vii. All those who test RT-PCR negative and who are asymptomatic will be allowed to go for home and remain in quarantine for 14 days.
- viii. All the passengers will be stamped with home quarantine seal with date with indelible ink before they are allowed to move out of the Airport.
- ix. The District Collectors of Chengalpet/ Madurai / Tiruchirappalli / Coimbatore shall make arrangements for necessary officials to be posted at the exit gates of Airport Arrival to check the RT-PCT negative Certificate, Stamping quarantine seal with date and e-pass.

- x. The District Collectors of Chengalpet/ Madurai / Tiruchirappalli / Coimbatore are also requested to inform the passenger details to the concerned Districts, where the passengers will undergo home quarantine.
- xi. The Passengers who test RT-PCR negative should strictly adhere to home quarantine for 14 days.
- a. They should self isolate themselves for 14 days.
 - b. They should not venture out for meeting relatives/shopping/outside visits, while in quarantine.
 - c. They should not interact with children/old aged persons.
 - d. They should be in constant touch with the health department, Police department, Revenue department and local body officials, who will monitor them during the quarantine period. Even after 14 days quarantine period is over, they should keep their contact with health department and local body officials.
- xii. If the individual develops fever, cough, breathlessness etc., they should inform the **District Call centre (1077)** or report to the nearest Government Medical Facility.
- xiii. The District Collectors are requested to instruct all the health authorities and local bodies to monitor health conditions of passengers who are arriving from United Kingdom to Tamil Nadu, on a daily basis through regular visits and over telephone. **If the individual is found to be not following the home quarantine guidelines, the District Collector should put him/her in hospital quarantine.**

xiv. All the passengers should submit self declaration form to the following effect, at the time of arrival

- I /We am/are will adhere to all the Government Guidelines regarding COVID-19.
- If I/We develop any of the Covid-19 symptoms during my stay, I will contact the concerned health authorities and follow necessary COVID-19 Protocol.

I/We will submit the mobile numbers/ contact details to the nearest health authorities.

Yours faithfully,



for Principal Secretary to Government