



*Dear Sir,*

Please recall our earlier communications regarding pre-arrival COVID-19 testing of international travellers to India from identified high-risk countries to minimize the risk of importation of variants of SARS-CoV-2 virus.

2. In the context of the evolving trajectory of COVID-19 cases in some countries especially China, Singapore, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, Thailand and Japan and reports regarding circulation of variants of SARS-CoV-2 in these countries, it has been decided that the existing guidelines for international arrivals needs to be revised and updated.
3. As per the revised guidelines, a mandatory requirement for pre-departure RT-PCR testing (to be conducted within 72 hrs prior to undertaking the journey) is being introduced for passengers in all international flights from these countries (mentioned in para 2 above).
4. Accordingly Ministry of Civil Aviation's Air Suvidha Portal has to be made operational for passengers in all international flights from these countries, with a provision to allow these international travellers arriving in India to submit/upload negative RT-PCR test reports as well as to submit self-declaration form on this portal.
5. The existing practice of post-arrival random testing of 2% travellers (irrespective of port of departure) shall continue.
6. This arrangement shall come into practice with effect from 10:00 AM on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2023.

*Warm Regards.*

Yours sincerely

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