



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAKSHADWEEP ADMINISTRATION
DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
कवरत्ती – 682555 /Kavaratti

एफ. नं।F.No.E/19/16/2021-CoL

दिनांक /Dated: 28.11.2021

ORDER

Sub:- COVID-19 Management – Revision of Standard Operating Procedures in the wake of variants of concern / variants of interest (VoCs/Vols) of the SARS-CoV-2 virus- Order issued.

Ref:- DO No. 25/S(HFW)/C Variant/2021 dated 25th November, 2021 of the Secretary, GOI, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi

Whereas the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi intimated that, the National Centre for Disease Control has now been reported that multiple cases of a COVID-19 Variant B.1.1529 reported in many part of the world. The variant is reported to have significantly high number of mutations, and thus has serious public health implications for the country.

And whereas, it is critical to adhere to the overarching 'Test-Track-Treat –Vaccination' principle to ensure stringent implementation of containment measures as per MoHFW guidelines, and to prevent the spread of VoC /Vols and formation of clusters of cases.


And Whereas, Considering the emerging COVID-19 situations and in pursuance of the directions issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, I, S. Asker Ali, IAS, District Collector & Chairman, DDMA, UTLA in exercise of the powers conferred under Section-30 of Disaster Management Act 2005, hereby revise travel restrictions and quarantine norms as follows:

1. All persons who wish to come to Lakshadweep shall carry a negative test report of RT-PCR obtained within 48 hours of the travel and submit the same to the entry and exit points. This also applies to the crews of Mechanized Sailing Vessels (manjus) & Fish Collection Boats that are visiting the islands.
2. After reaching the islands, they should follow Covid appropriate behaviour and undergo 3 days mandatory quarantine. No quarantine for those who have taken both doses of vaccination 14 days prior to their travel either from one island to another island.
3. No COVID-19 test result is required for inter island travels for those who have taken both the doses of COVID-19 vaccine 14 days prior to their movement on production of valid vaccination certificate.
4. Non vaccinated or partially vaccinated persons have to carry a negative test report obtained 48 hours before the travel from one island to another island and they have to undergo 3 days mandatory quarantine their destination island.

5. The shore leave shall be allowed to all ship / HSC crews those who have taken both the doses of COVID-19 vaccine at islands only. No shore leave is permitted at mainland.
6. In case anyone develops COVID-19 related symptoms in the islands, mandatory TrueNAT / RTPCR testing must be carried out by the local health department. Periodic random testing of vulnerable categories shall also to be carried out from time to time by the health department
7. The individuals shall be responsible to ensure the authenticity of the test reports to be submitted to the administration. Any violation in this regard shall attract action as per legal provisions of Epidemic Diseases Act 1897 and guidelines issued under the Act, against the Individuals violating the same.
8. Strict enforcement of wearing of face masks, hand hygiene and social distancing must be ensured. The Deputy Collectors/ Block Development Officers shall ensure that all necessary measures are taken to promote COVID-19 appropriate behavior.
9. Wearing of Face masks is an essential preventive measure. In order to enforce this core requirement, any person found without wearing a mask in public/workplaces shall be levied a fine of Rs.100/- at the first instance and Rs.200/- at second instance of violation.
10. Observance of social distancing in crowded places, especially in markets and public transport, is also critical for containing the spread of the infection. SOPs in this regard issued by the MOHFW shall be followed strictly.
11. The thermal scanning of all passengers have to be carried out at Kochi and all ports of arrival.

All Deputy Collectors / Block Development Officers are directed to ensure strict enforcement of the SOP in letter and spirit in all islands at all time. Non-compliance will be viewed seriously by the authority and appropriate penal action shall be taken as per the relevant sections of the Disaster Management Act-2005 and Indian Penal Code.

This comes into force with immediate effect until further order.


(S. Asker Ali, IAS)

District Collector (UTLA) & Chairman, DDMA.

To,

1. The Senior Superintendent of Police, UTLA, Kavaratti.
2. All HoDs under UTLA.
3. Nodal Officer (COVID-19) Management, UTLA, Kavaratti
4. DCs/SDOs of all islands.
5. SHOs of all islands.

Copy to:

1. PA to the Hon'ble Administrator, UTLA.
2. PA to the Advisor to the Administrator, UTLA.
3. PA to Secretary (Health), UTLA.