

**Department of Health and Family Welfare
Government of Gujarat**

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**SoP for International Arrivals in accordance to new guidelines issued
by Government of India for International travelers for airports in the
state of Gujarat.**

De-boarding should be done ensuring physical distancing.

1. Thermal screening would be carried out in respect of all the passengers by the health officials present at the airport. The self-declaration form filled online shall be shown to the airport health staff.

2. The passengers found to be symptomatic during screening shall be immediately isolated taken to isolation room as designated/segregated place and then taken to medical facility as per health protocol.

- Local Health Authority (District) will facilitate passenger for transfer to Government (Free)/Private (on payment basis) facility as per the choice given by passenger.
- If tested positive, their contacts shall be identified and managed as per laid down protocol[#].

3. Travelers from specified Countries at risk

List of Countries from where travelers would need to follow additional measures on arrival in India, including post-arrival testing (Countries at-risk) (Updated as on 26th November 2021).

1. Countries in Europe including The United Kingdom
2. South Africa
3. Brazil
4. Bangladesh
5. Botswana
6. China

7. Mauritius
8. New Zealand
9. Zimbabwe
10. Singapore
11. Hong Kong
12. Israel

Will follow the protocol as detailed below:

- Submission of sample for post-arrival COVID-19 test* at the point of arrival (self-paid). Such travelers will be required to wait for their test results at the arrival airport before leaving.
 - Airlines will provide option of registration and payment for testing to passengers before boarding to ensure hassle free testing on arrival.
 - Such travelers will be required to Pay Rs. 2700/- for Rapid RtPCR test which takes roughly 1 hr to get results. Passengers will also have the option of going for regular RtPCR test (costing Rs. 400/-) for which result takes roughly 6-8 hrs. All passengers will be required to wait for test results at the airport only.
 - Passengers testing negative in the RtPCR test will be allowed to leave the airport. However they will be required to maintain home quarantine for 7 days. Re-test will be done by local health authorities on 8th day of arrival in India and if negative, they have to further self-monitor their health for next 7 days and keep in touch with the local health authorities.
- However, if such travelers are tested positive:-
 - Such travelers can avail treatment at identified government facility free of cost. If they wish to get admitted at any private facility designated by Ahmedabad

Municipal Corporation or local administrative authority, they can do so on payment basis.

- Such passengers will be allowed to travel to their home town/ place of choice in an ambulance (On payment basis) and get treatment in Government (Free)/Private (on payment basis) facility.
- If such travelers do not need hospitalization then they will be allowed to stay in an institutional isolation facility at designated hotels on payment basis. However transportation to such facility has to be in an ambulance only. Ambulance for local transportation will be arranged by Municipal Health authorities. However, if passenger wishes to go to their home town, ambulance has to be arranged by the passenger on payment basis.
- The contacts[#] of such positive case should be kept under institutional quarantine or at home quarantine and monitored strictly as per laid down protocol.
- Such positive samples should be sent for genomic testing at INSACOG laboratory network as per SoP of GBRC.

4. Travelers from Countries excluding those Countries at risk will be allowed to leave the airport and shall self-monitor their health for 14 days' post arrival. A sub-section (5% of the total flight passengers) shall undergo post-arrival testing at random at the airport on arrival.

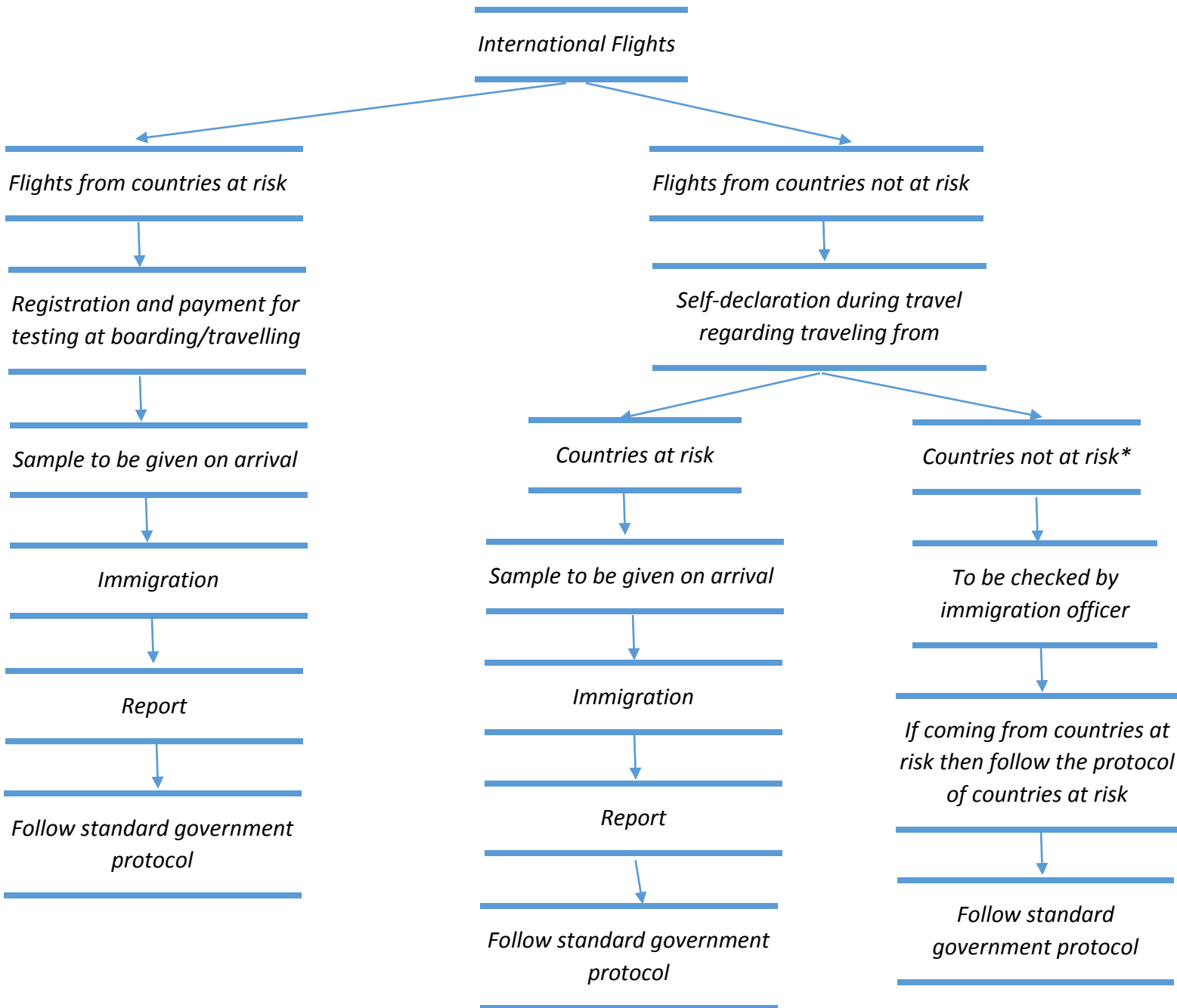
- The 5% of such travelers in each flight shall be identified by the concerned airlines (preferably from different countries) through a computerized draw to avoid any dispute among the passengers.
- Such travelers shall be escorted by the concerned airlines to testing area on arrival.

- Laboratory identified by airport authority will collect 5% samples of Travelers coming from Countries excluding those Countries at risk and sent it to government lab for testing. They will not charge anything for these services.
- If such travelers are tested positive, they shall be managed as per laid down standard protocol and samples would further send for genomic testing.

* Children under 5 years of age are exempted from both pre- and post-arrival testing. However, if found symptomatic for COVID-19 on arrival or during home quarantine period, they shall undergo testing and treated as per laid down protocol.

Contacts of the suspect case are the co-passengers seated in the same row, 3 rows in front and 3 rows behind along with identified Cabin Crew. Also, all the community contacts of those travelers who have tested positive (during home quarantine period) would be subjected to quarantine for 14 days and tested as per ICMR protocol.

Algorithm for passengers arrived at airport



*5% of the total flight passengers shall undergo post-arrival testing at random at the airport on arrival.