

Directives for health safety and quarantine of the passenger visiting Nepal, 2077

Preamble: It is obligatory to control the pandemic by maintaining the quarantine, health and security and the testing of the visitors arrival from the new variant of COVID-19 (SARS- CoV-2 VUI 2020/12/01) infected countries.

This directive is issued using the rights given by article 2 in Communicable Disease Act, 2020

1. Precise name and initiation: (1) This directive bears the name" The Directives for health safety and Quarantine of arriving visitors from foreign countries, 2077.
(2) This directive shall be initiated immediately.
2. Definition: By subject or context if the text doesn't give any meaning, In this directives, -
 - a) One must understand " COVID- 19's new variant" as the (SARS- CoV-2 VUI 2020/12/01) or B.1.1.7 that was developed in Britain in December, 2020.
 - b) 'Airlines" means the international flights operating in Nepal
 - c) 'COVID- 19 test' means RT- PCR, Gene Xpert or True NAAT. It also means all the testing procedures recognized by World Health Organization.
3. Provision of Information dissemination: (1) If there are any new variant of COVID-19 traces in any country, the information regarding such should be provided by Ministry of Health and Population, Nepal and the concerned country's Nepali Mission to The Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation.
(2) According to sub article 1 the information availed should be given to Civil Aviation Authority by The Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation.
(3) According to Sub article (2) the civil aviation authority should immediately implement the system as given by this directive.
4. The procedure related to permission for air route and airlines : (1) The Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation should give the permission for international flights only after making sure the criteria mentioned in this Directives are completely fulfilled. This is applicable for all the flights that were given permission for flying before the approval of this directive.
(2) According to Sub article 1 the flying permission should be given making sure that there is no unnecessary crowd.
(3) According to sub article 1 the permitted airlines for flight must submit in advance to Civil Aviation Authority through email (Passenger Manifest) for all those coming though airlines from Covid -19 variant infected countries or transit form those countries.
(4) According to the provision of sub article (3), the Civil Aviation Authority must provide the information to Ministry of Health and Population, Tribhuvan International Airport, Immigration office and District COVID-19 Crisis Management Centre, Kathmandu.

5. **Information to be provided:** (1) individual visiting through air route from the new Covid- 19 variant infected countries or transit from such countries must provide the date and flight information to the diplomatic missions of Nepal based in those countries.
- (2) The Ministry of foreign affairs must be immediately informed by the Nepal's diplomatic missions based in that country according to the provision of sub article 1.
- (3) After getting the information based on sub article 2, The Ministry of foreign affairs must disseminate the information to the Home Ministry, The Ministry of Health and Population and The ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation and the Covid-19 Crisis Management Centre.
6. **The passenger must have Covid-19 negative report:** (1) All passengers flying into Nepal must have Covid- 19 test negative report compulsorily of the last 72 hours after the swab collection from the concerned country's approved laboratories.
- (2) All passengers travelling to Nepal must present printed bar code of **Abroad Returnee Management System** after filling duly the online form available in the Covid- 19 Crisis Management Centre's website (ccmc.gov.np). In case of passengers unable to fill the form before travelling under special circumstances, it must be filled/made to fill the form before check in. Passengers who cannot fill the form even before check-in must be made to fill the form by the concerned airlines in cooperation from the Ministry of Culture Tourism and Civil Aviation before the health checkup at Tribhuvan International Airport.
- 3) Provision related to sub article 1 and 2 must be informed in advance to the passengers by the concerned countries diplomatic missions of Nepal.
7. **Hotel must be booked:** 1) The passengers flying from the Covid- 19 variant infected countries or transit from such countries must have hotel booking for quarantine before buying a ticket. The booking confirmation should be from hotels listed by the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, Nepal.
- (2) Visitors staying in hotel quarantine should get COVID-19 tested after 5 days at their own expense. Those with negative PCR report will be allowed to continue with their travel with additional 5 days in home quarantine.
- Those who haven't tested Covid-19 in 5 days must stay in hotel quarantine for 10 days compulsorily.
- (3) Passengers visiting Nepal through air route directly from other countries or transit from such countries will be permitted to go to their destination asking them to stay in compulsory home quarantine for 10 days.
- (4) In normal condition, the home quarantine based on sub article 1, 2 and 3 is completed after 10 days.
- (5) Based on sub article 1,2 and 3 the responsibility of updating the information of the visitors staying in home quarantine or hotel quarantine is of the concerned district Covid- 19 Crisis Management Centre and the local level authority.
8. **Concerned airways responsibility:** (1) The concerned airlines must make sure that all the passengers travelling in airlines from the Covid infected countries or the transit via such

countries present Covid-19 test negative report and online form duly filled based on article 6 sub article 1 and 2 and document of hotel booking based on article 7.

(2) After takeoff, the airlines must provide important information regarding Covid-19 and its new variant, hotel and home quarantine, covid- 19 test and other necessary details.

(3) The passenger who do not fulfill the criteria based on article 6, sub article 1 is not allowed to be brought. Any airlines brining such passenger must bear all the cost of the hotel quarantine, health safety test related all the cost must be borne by the concerned airlines.

(4) Any airlines not adhering to sub article 2 of article 6 and sub article 1 of article 7 is responsible for filling the online form and hotel quarantine. Such passenger's hotel quarantine and health test cost must be borne by the concerned airlines itself.

9.. **The responsibility of the listed hotels:** (1) The hotels interested in listing for hotel quarantine must present hotel's name, address, contact address, the details of services, rate, bed capacity, contact person's name and phone details to the authority designated by the ministry of culture, tourism and civil aviation.

(2) All the details provided based on sub article 1, the ministry of culture, tourism and civil aviation must upload the list of hotel quarantine information in the website and make necessary provision of uploading such information in the Covid 19 Crisis Management Center's website.

(3) Based on sub article 2 the list must be uploaded in the ministry of culture, tourism and civil aviation.

(4) Based on sub article (1) and (2) the hotels listed must take the bookings based on their capacity.

(5) Based on this directives, the concerned hotel must make provision of pick and drop to the passenger who have bookings from their hotel in their own provision in a separate vehicle.

(6) The concerned hotel must make provision of not letting the visitor meet any other unknown individual or mix with any group.

(7) The person staying in hotel quarantine must be provided heathy food and appropriate accommodation

(8) The concerned hotel must keep the record of all the updated personal information of guest and provide the check in and check out information of such individual to District Covid- 19 Crisis Management Centre, Nepal Army Capital headquarter and secretary of Covid- 19 Crisis Management Center through email.

(9) Individual staying in hotel quarantine if shows any sign and symptoms of Covid- 19, the concerned hotel must make necessary arrangement of health checkup in consultation with Health Service Department Epidemiology and Disease Control Department.

(10) Based in sub article 9 if the health checkup requires admission to the hospital the concerned hotel must return the remaining days hotel charges to the concerned person.

(11) Based on this article the hotel must present the Covid-19 test report according to article 8, sub article 2 of all individual staying in hotel quarantine after their check out to District Covid-19 Crisis Management Centre.

10. Issuance of permits by diplomatic missions

The foreign nationals shall mandatorily take entry permits by the Nepali diplomatic missions upon their arrival in Nepal as per this directive.

11 Provision of Health Check-up's

1. The Ministry of Health and Population shall make necessary arrangement such as establishment of health desks at the Tribhuvan International Airport and other entry points for performing the health check-up of the travelers visiting Nepal via road ways or airways.
2. Subtitle (1) The Ministry of Health and Population shall make necessary arrangement for the immediate medical treatment of an individual showing some signs or symptoms of COVID - 19 or being already infected by the COVID-19 virus.

13 Management of travelers immigrating to Nepal or Hotel quarantine

1. The Nepal Army in co-ordination with the security agencies shall manage the travelers coming from countries where the new variant of COVID-19 virus has been found or made transit in those countries en-route to Nepal. The Nepal Army in coordination with the security agencies shall make necessary arrangement of hotel quarantine as well.
2. The Nepal Army shall keep the record of the travelers who stayed in home quarantine or hotel quarantine
3. If any health problem arises while staying in home quarantine then the traveler herself or himself shall take the responsibility of visiting the hospital facilities and conduct the medical treatment as required and bear the incurred expenses of health treatment on their own. The details of an individual who underwent the medical treatment shall be provided to the district COVID-19 crisis management center by the local levels.
4. As per the Subtitle (2) and (3), the integrated record of the cost shall be kept by the COVID-19 crisis management center.

14. Monitoring and observation of Quarantine

As per the directives, the arrangement of monitoring and observation of home quarantine shall be done in co-ordination with the local levels by the district COVID-19 Crisis management center.

2. If some problem in the management of quarantine occurs then the district COVID-19 crisis management center shall co-ordinate with the COVID -19 crisis management center

15. Following special arrangement can be made:

a. The people having complex/ critical health problems, those who have lost their loved ones and are in the mourning procession shall have a special alternative arrangement of quarantine facilities in co-ordination of the COVID-19 crisis management center secretariat.

b. The employees of diplomatic missions stationed in Nepal and international organizations shall be provided special arrangement facilities if s/he forwards the request letter to the government of Nepal officially.

c. The high level foreign dignitaries who visit Nepal upon official invitation of the government of Nepal shall present the COVID-19 test report (negative) of 72 hours to the authorities concerned and shall be given permission to attend the high-level meetings and gatherings following the health protocol of the government.

d. Those officials who spend 5 days or less in foreign land for official visit and fly back to Nepal then such officials shall be permitted to enter the country based on the COVID-19 (negative) report presented earlier.

e. The COVID-19 (negative) reports of 72 hours and those who have taken full course of vaccine against the COVID-19 shall be allowed to travel to the destination countries.

f. Those Nepalese who work in the diplomatic missions stationed abroad and their families shall present the COVID-19 (negative) report of 72 hours and shall stay 10 days in home quarantine before departing to their respective destinations.

16. Travelling by road to Nepal

The Nepali citizen and those living in the neighboring countries shall only be permitted to enter Nepal via road ways.

2. As per the Subtitle (1), following are the entry points to enter Nepal:

1. Pashupati nagar (ILAM)

2. Kakadbhitta (Jhapa)

3. Khajurgacchi (Jhapa)

4. Rani (Morang)

5. Bhandabari (Sunsari)

6. Kunauli (Saptari)

7. Madar (Siraha)

8. Jatahi (Dhanusa)
9. Inarawa (Dhanusa)
10. Bhattamod (Mahrodtari)
11. Malangawa (Sarlahi)
12. Gaur (Rautahat)
13. Bangkul (Rautahat)
14. Mattihawa (Bara)
15. Simrangaud (Bara)
16. Birgunj (Parsa)
17. Triveni (Nawalparasi Bardaghat, Susta East)
18. Maheshpur (Nawalparasi Bardaghat Susta West)
19. Belahiya (Rupandehi)
20. Taulihawa (Kapilbastu)
21. Krishnanagar (Kapilbastu)
22. Koilabas (Dang)
23. Jamunaha (Banke)
24. Surajpur, Gulariya (Bardiya)
25. Gaurifanta (Kailali)
26. Gaddhachowki (Kanchanpur)
27. Darchula (Darchula)
28. Rasuwa gadhi (Rasuwa)
29. Tatopani (Sindhupalchowk)

3. Those Nepali citizens and foreign nationals of Nepal's immediate neighbors travelling to Nepal from the countries where the new variant of COVID-19 has been found shall present the COVID-19 test report (negative) of less than 72 hours at the health desk situated at the entry points.

4. Those travelers who come to Nepal via roadways shall fill out the **aboard returnee management system online form** posted online by the COVID-19 Crisis Management Center website (ccmc.gov.np) and print the barcode and present it upon arriving at the entry points. For those travelers who couldn't fill out the form online prior to arriving at the entry points is required to fill out the form mandatorily at the time of health-check up at the very entry points.

5. The border entry health desk shall assist in doing the health check-up of the travelers and the district COVID-19 crisis management center shall co-ordinate with the local levels and make necessary arrangement for keeping those travelers in home isolation and / or isolation centers if they get positive results of their COVID-19 tests for 10 days. Those travelers who require serious medical attention shall be referred to the hospitals by the center.

6. As per the subtitle (4), the COVID-19 crisis management center shall mandatorily update the detail status of those travelers who stay in isolation centers, hospitals and home quarantine on its COVID-19 district information management system website.

17. Provision of necessary management:

The directorial committee of COVID-19 Crisis management center shall do additional arrangement of quarantine and manage security keeping in mind the threat of being infected by the new variant of COVID-19 virus.

18. Necessary action

Those people, institutions, airlines and agencies shall be punished or penalized if in case they violate the above mentioned directives as per the Infectious Disease Act 2020 and other laws.

19. As per the directives:

Prevention, Control and treatment of COVID -19 shall be done as mentioned in this directive and other arrangement related to COVID-19 as per the directives or provisions mentioned in the laws of the government of Nepal or the Ministries concerned.