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## **ADVISORY IN THE CONTEXT OF NEW VARIANTS OF COVID-19**

With reference to the guidelines for international arrivals issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI dated 29.12.2022, the present guidelines are being revised in light of increasing trajectory of COVID-19 cases being noted in some countries across the world. The following measures shall be implemented with the existing SOPs.

1. The ships which are arriving within 14 days from the high-risk countries (China, Singapore, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, Thailand and Japan) will be followed up with pre-arrival scrutiny of crew health, new joiners and availability of PPE stock on board (As it is being practiced for all incoming ships). Shipping agents should ensure to provide the required information by email well in advance without fail.
2. These ships will be permitted to berth as soon as they arrive and are advised to comply the SOPs for berthing and port operations strictly.
3. Boarding authorities and visitors ensure to wear N95 masks & surgical gloves in addition to hand hygiene and social distancing.
4. Only essential visitors will be permitted to these ships for work purpose.
5. Embarkation crew irrespective of vaccination status from high-risk countries should submit recent RT-PCR test report.
6. The crew disembarked from the high-risk ships should undergo RT-PCR test and the final clearance for disembarkation will be given after negative RT-PCR test report.
7. Disembarked crew with negative RT-PCR test report from the high-risk ships should self-monitor their health (for 14 days in case of Indian nationality and till departure in case of foreign nationality) and shall report to their nearest health facility or call National helpline number (1075)/ State Helpline Number if they have developed any symptoms suggestive of COVID-19. In the event of such occurrence, RPS (Recruitment & Placement Services) Agency should intimate us in order to monitor the remaining crew on board.
8. Children under 12 years of age are exempted for testing. However, if found symptomatic for COVID-19 on arrival or during the period of self-monitoring period, they shall undergo testing and treated as per laid down protocol.

9. The crew/ passengers found to be symptomatic during screening shall be immediately isolated and taken to a designated medical facility as per health protocol.
10. Those ships with symptomatic crew/passengers will be permitted for port operations/sailing after ensuring the health status of the remaining crew.

In case of non-compliance to SOPs noticed among stakeholders, appropriate action will be initiated.

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Please feel free to contact us in case of any queries.

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