GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT DISPUR ::: GUWAHATI – 781006

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR OF ASSAM NOTIFICATION

No. HLA.614/2020/68

Dated Dispur the 14th February, 2022

Whereas, strict containment measures including continuous screening of incoming passengers through airports, railway stations and roads are being conducted in the state of Assam to prevent spread of COVID-19;

Whereas, COVID-19 positivity is gradually decreasing in the state and the country as of now;

Whereas, voluntary testing facilities for COVID-19 are available across the state in both government and private health institutions, to provide standardized COVID testing reports within 24 hours and upload the same in ICMR portal for cross verification;

Whereas, the number of people vaccinated twice in the country has increased significantly and various relaxations have been allowed by Government of India and leading Health Institutions like AIIMS New Delhi in view of the decreasing number of COVID cases and difficulties faced due to testing protocols in emergency department etc;

Therefore, in partial modification of this Department's earlier Orders issued at various times, the following measures are hereby adopted for ensuring the safety and convenience of all the passengers travelling to Assam through air, railway and road transportation and those who are attending Hospitals for emergency and OPD Services:

- 1. The mandatory testing on arrival at Airports, Railway stations, Road Border Points etc shall be discontinued. However symptomatic patients are requested to test for COVID for diagnostic purposes voluntarily, at any recognised COVID testing facility.
- 2. The mandatory testing for COVID for any patient coming to the Medical College Hospitals and other Hospitals for emergency/OPD services shall be discontinued. However symptomatic patients may be requested to test for COVID for diagnostic purposes, as applicable.

These instructions are issued in better public interest in view of the evolving situation of COVID pandemic and shall be liable for change(s) if required as per the SOPs/guidelines issued by Government of India and eventual situation of COVID-19 in the country/state.

This notification shall come into force with effect from 15th February, 2022.

(Anurag Goed, IAS)

Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Health & Family Welfare Deptt.

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Copy to:

- 1. The Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam, Dispur.
- 2. The Principal Secretaryto the Government of Assam, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Dispur.
- 3. The Staff Officer to Chief Secretary, Assam.
- 4. The Director, Airport Authority of India, All Airports, Assam.
- 5. The General Manager, North East Frontier Railway, Guwahati.
- 6. The Mission Director, National Health Mission, Assam.
- 7. The Director of Health Services, Assam, Hengerabari, Guwahati-36.
- 8. The Director of Medical Education, Assam, Sixmile, Khanapara, Guwahati-22.
- 9. The Director Information and public Relation for wide publicity of the notification.
- 10. The Deputy Commissioner (all Districts).
- 11. The Superintendent of Police (all Districts).
- 12. The Joint Director of Health Services (all Districts).
- 13.PS to Hon'ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Assam, Dispur.
- 14. Any other concerned.

By orders etc.

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Health & Family Welfare Deptt.