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C I R C U L A R

Subject: - Testing of International arrivals on 8th day by Rapid RT-PCR Test as per the guidelines issued by MOHFW/.... **Omicron Variant** regarding

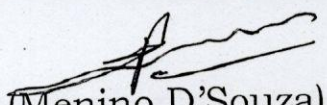
In view of the recently reported Variant of Concern (VOC) B.1.1.529 termed **Omicron Variant** by the World Health Organisation, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) has issued revised guidelines in order to combat the spread of the Omicron variant and for adopting strict and effective measures to control the entry of VoC in to the State and prevent the spread of transmission within. (A Copy of the revised guidelines No. MoHFW/COVID Variant /2021 dated 29/11/2021 enclosed)

The Guidelines for International Arrivals inter alia provide for the following:

Travellers coming from "at risk" countries shall undergo RT-PCR testing on arrival. **If the traveller is found Negative, he/she should be home quarantined for 7 days. A retest shall be done on the 8th day** and if found Negative self - health monitoring shall be done for the next 7 days.

All hoteliers/ stakeholders in the hospitality business shall ensure the strict implementation of the above guidelines in respect of all international guests arrivals at their respective hotels/accommodations by ensuring that such guests undergo the retest on the 8th day of their arrival in the State. The details of such guests shall be shared with the nearest Public Health care centre.

All employees/visitors shall continue to wear mask, maintain social distance, sanitize and strictly follow covid appropriate behaviour and ensure compliance to the laid down safety protocols with regards to COVID-19/Omicron.


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To,

All Hotels.

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