



**COVID-19 Outbreak Control and Prevention State Cell**

**Health & Family Welfare Department**

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**ADVISORY ON TREATMENT OF PASSENGERS AND CREW MEMBERS AND ON  
QUARANTINING AND TESTING OF THE VOLUNTEERS ENGAGED IN RESCUE WORK  
AT KARIPUR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, KOZHIKODE**

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Air India Express mishap at Karipur International Airport on 7/8/2020 has warranted immediate actions for the proper health care services in context of COVID-19.

A separate health team and control room will be constituted to co-ordinate the activities with regard to treatment of the passengers and crew members involved in the unfortunate. The same team will also monitor the quarantine and health of the volunteers who engaged in rescue work.

**All volunteers engaged in rescue work at Karipur international Airport in connection with the Air India Express crash are requested to comply with the following instructions**

1. After the rescue work is over, all volunteers are requested to enter into room quarantine in their respective houses for the next 14 days after informing the constituted control room/nearby PHC Medical officer/DISHA. During the period of room quarantine, they should follow the instructions provided
2. All volunteers are requested to wash the clothes they wore during rescue operation thoroughly with soap and water or 1% bleach solution.
3. All volunteers in room quarantine will be tested for COVID-19 if they become symptomatic.
4. The constituted health team will monitor the volunteers in quarantine telephonically twice a day.
5. Psychosocial support will be provided to the volunteers on quarantine.

**The instructions to be followed with regard to treatment of the passengers and crew members**

1. All the admitted passengers and crew members in hospitals shall be subjected to COVID-19 testing. If the screening antigen testing is negative, PCR shall be performed on symptomatic patients.
2. HCW must follow standard IPC precautions and use of adequate PPE to be adopted while caring for COVID suspects.



3. HCW need go into quarantine only if there is a breach in PPE.
4. Care of the hospitalized must be taken care of as per the need and all procedures and drugs must be ensured whether COVID positive or not.
6. All passengers including admitted patients must be followed up for 14 days to look for development of any COVID symptoms and treatment should be provided as per the protocol as appropriate. The patients must be contacted telephonically twice a day if at home.
7. Psychosocial support must be provided to all travellers, the hospitalized, the family members of deceased and injured and also to volunteers.

  
Principal Secretary