

## Karnataka issues guidelines for treatment, management facility of Omicron cases

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**Bengaluru:** With the emergence of the new COVID-19 Omicron variant, the Karnataka government has issued guidelines of dedicated isolation, treatment and management facility for Omicron cases.

- 1) As per the new guidelines, the District Health Authorities shall ensure necessary arrangements of health care facilities.
- 2) It is mandatory for all international passengers from 'at risk' countries to get tested for COVID-19 (RT PCR) at the airport on arrival.
- 3) Those who test positive shall be shifted to the identified Health Care Facility for further treatment and management as per the protocol issued by the Centre, the guidelines said.
- 4) "A separate block with a sufficient number of beds and other facilities shall be earmarked for isolation, treatment and management of COVID positive cases detected among international arrivals," the guidelines read.
- 5) It further said that the Omicron cases should remain isolated from other non-Omicron COVID patients under treatment in the same Health Care Facility.

So far, only two cases of Omicron were found in the state. A new variant of COVID-19 was first reported to the World Health Organisation (WHO) from South Africa on November 25.