COVID 19 (nCorona) Virus Outbreak Control and Prevention State Cell

Health & Family Welfare Department

Government of Kerala

COVID-19 – Guidelines for exclusive arrangements for the foreign Tourists Coming to Kerala– Reg

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WHO has declared the COVID-19 epidemic affecting more than 160 countries as a Pandemic. Due to the inflow of persons from affected countries, Kerala state has strengthened the surveillance and control measures against the disease.

The specific advisory was issued by Department of Health & Family Welfare on 17th March 2020 with regard to testing of Foreign Tourists going back to their respective countries from Kerala, as some of the countries have made a certificate mandatory stating that the passengers are COVID-19 Negative.

Now the state has decided to offer testing for all foreign national (Having passport other than India) tourist coming and entering the state through different ports.

The following guidelines are issued.

1. All Foreign Tourists coming to Kerala at the port of entry after the routine screening will be offered a testing and District IDSP team will do the necessary arrangements to take samples and the collected samples will be sent to designated labs.

2. The Foreign tourist even if asymptomatic will be kept in isolation in COVID Care Centres until the report is available.

3. The Foreign Tourists are advised to follow all the instructions issued in the 'Health advisory' by the Department of Health and Family Welfare.

Principal Secretary