



**Embassy of India
Abu Dhabi**

Press Release – Health protocol to be followed for special repatriation flights to India

As already informed, the Government of India has decided to operate special flights to India w.e.f. May 7, 2020 for repatriation of Indian nationals abroad. The passenger lists for the two flights on May 7 have been finalized by the Embassy / Consulate and sent to Air India Express for issue of tickets. The Embassy / Consulate will continue conveying the details of further special flights as and when they are announced by the Government of India, over the next few days.

All departing passengers will have to undergo medical screening and IGM/IGG test at the departure airport and only those cleared by the UAE health authorities and found to be asymptomatic will be allowed to board the plane. All passengers will be required to sign an undertaking to undergo compulsory quarantine at the destination of arrival and bear the cost of the same. Each passenger, at the time of boarding would be handed over a safety kit containing 2 three-layered face masks, 2 pairs of gloves and pouches/small bottles of hand sanitizers.

While on board the flight, the health protocol of the Ministry of Civil Aviation of India will be strictly followed. This would include wearing of masks, environmental hygiene, respiratory hygiene, hand hygiene etc. to be observed by the airline staff, crew and all passengers.

On arrival at the destination airport, thermal screening, as per health protocol, would be carried out in respect of all the passengers by the Health officials present at the airport. The passengers found to be symptomatic during screening shall be immediately taken to a medical facility as per the health protocol. The remaining passengers shall be taken to suitable institutional quarantine facilities. These passengers shall be kept under institutional quarantine for a minimum period of 14 days. If they test negative after 14 days, they will be allowed to go home and will undertake self-monitoring of their health for another 14 days as per the protocol. The remaining persons will be shifted to a medical facility by the State/UT Government.
