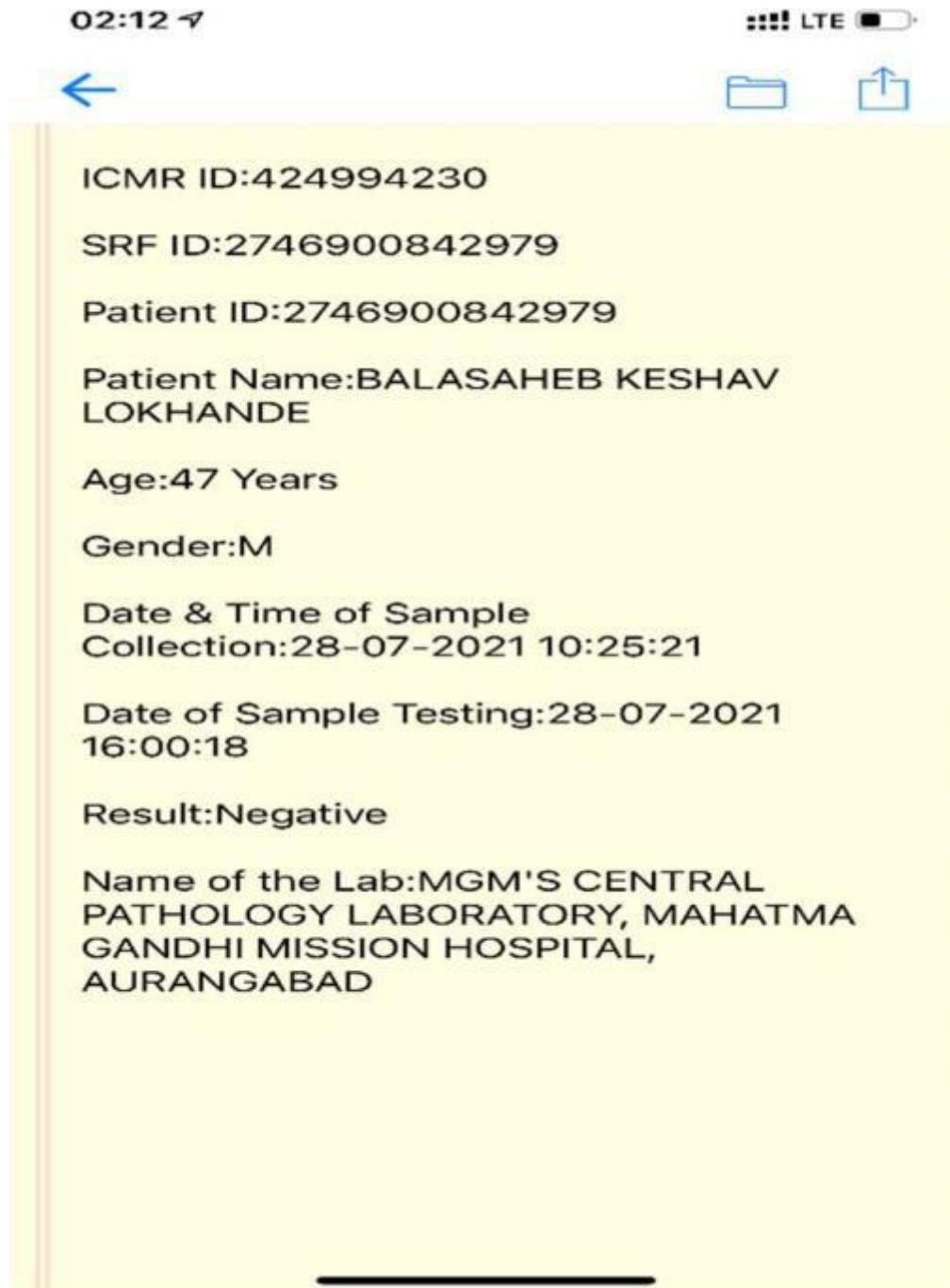


06 August 2021

Dear Trade and Travel Partners of India,

**SUB:** RTPCR Test report

In continuation to the circular sent on 29Apr2021 on the Covid – 19 RT – PCR report, please make note of the important points below.



- ☒ The QR code when scanned needs to generate report in PDF format only as per sample displayed.
- ☒ All Passengers (Above 6years of age) traveling to Bahrain have to present a negative COVID 19 RT – PCR test.
- ☒ The RT-PCR need to be done only from authorize ICMR labs.
- ☒ The sample/test needs to be taken nor more that 48Hrs prior to departure.

**Terms and Conditions for travellers:**

- ☒ Bahraini Nationals and Resident visa holders and destined to Bahrain only are accepted on board

The following passengers are **not permitted**:

- a. Family Joining Visa, except those issued by Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA)
- b. Work Visa, except those issued by Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA)
- c. Visit Visa or any Pre-approved e-Visa

- ☒ Inoculated or vaccinated passengers have to produce certificate on arrival, health authorities may exempt the test.

**Dear Agents/Travel Partners of India,**

**SUB: Restrictions on Acceptance of passengers traveling from India, Pakistan,Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal**

Please be advised of the following restrictions with regards to the acceptance of passengers at Airports where GF and interline carriers are currently operating to:

Gulf Air has temporarily suspended the acceptance of Unaccompanied Minors (UM) as escort services are unavailable at BAH HUB and at several other airports on the GF network.

**BAHRAIN:**

As per Bahrain's Immigration Authorities, the following procedures/restrictions are applicable:

**1. Paxs travelling to Bahrain from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal:**

- i. VOA is temporarily suspended.
- ii. Bahrain citizens and Bahrain residents (with valid Resident Permits) are permitted entry. The following pax are not permitted:
  - a. Family Joining Visa, **except those issued by Labour Market Regulatory Authority(LMRA)**
  - b. Work Visa, **except those issued by Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA)**
  - c. Visit Visa
  - d. Pre-approved e-Visa
- iii. Accepted pax must hold a negative PCR test (paper or digital copy) with QR code conducted no more than 48 hours prior to departure; sample date and time (sample drawn); infants and children below the age of 6 are exempt.
- iv. PCR tests without QR code shall not be accepted.
- v. Pax will be subject to mandatory PCR test upon arrival with additional PCR test on the 10<sup>th</sup> day; infants and children below the age of 6 are exempt.
- vi. Pax are required to download the Be Aware Bahrain application and where possible, pay for the PCR test (BD 36) prior to boarding their flight to BAH to avoid any delays on arrival.
- vii. Pax who have transited in these 5 countries at any point within 14 days of their intended arrival in Bahrain, are prohibited from entering Bahrain; Bahraini citizens and residents are exempt.

**viii.** Accepted pax must provide proof of 10-day quarantine booked in the traveller's name at a government-designated facility listed by NHRA **OR**

Provide LMRA visa proof of their employment with NSH Group, **OR**

Provide proof of residence as listed below which should be in the traveller's name or immediate family member's name:

- a. Lease/ Rental Agreement
- b. Electricity bill
- c. Municipality bill

2. GCC citizens shall use their passport to enter Bahrain; national ID card is not accepted.
3. VOA is available to all eligible passengers disembarking in Bahrain.
4. Pax are not allowed to enter Bahrain unless they are:
  1. Bahraini citizens
  2. GCC citizens who do not require visas
  3. Passengers who reside in Bahrain
  4. Passengers with a valid e-visa granted prior to boarding
  5. Passengers who are eligible for visa on arrival
  6. This does not apply to airline crew and military personnel
5. All other passengers are permitted to transit through BIA.
6. **Effective 24<sup>th</sup> May:**
  1. **Vaccinated and recovered pax in Bahrain or GCC** will not be subject to PCR test on arrival and are not required to hold negative PCR test conducted 48 hrs prior to departure; pax need to present vaccination certificate on the official mobile app or a recovery certificate.
  2. **Vaccinated pax travelling to Bahrain from UK, EU, USA, Canada, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea or Singapore**, with approved vaccination certificates.
    - i. On arrival in BAH, these pax will be provided a Vaccination Certification card proving the acceptance of their vaccination status.
    - ii. Pax will be required to undergo PCR test on arrival with additional PCR test on the 10<sup>th</sup> day.
    - iii. Pax are exempt from quarantine.

3. **Vaccinated pax travelling to Bahrain from** countries with mutual recognition (**Hungary, Cyprus, Greece and Israel**) with approved vaccination certificates.

- i. On arrival in BAH, these pax will be provided a Vaccination Certification card proving the acceptance of their vaccination status.
- ii. Pax are exempt from arrival PCR test and quarantine.

4. **Pax between the ages of 6-17** are required to download the Be Aware Bahrain application and where possible, pay for the PCR test (BD 36) prior to boarding their flight to BAH to avoid any delays on arrival.

**5. Non-vaccinated pax:**

- i. Present negative PCR test (paper or digital copy) with QR code conducted no more than 48 hours prior to departure; sample date and time (sample drawn); infants and children below the age of 6 are exempt.
- ii. PCR tests without QR code shall not be accepted.
- iii. Infants and children below the age of 6 are exempted from the mandatory PCR test.
- iv. Pax will be subject to mandatory PCR test upon arrival with additional PCR test on the 10<sup>th</sup> day; infants and children below the age of 6 are exempt.
- v. Pax are required to download the Be Aware Bahrain mobile application and where possible, pay for the PCR test (BD 36) prior to boarding their flight to BAH to avoid any delays on arrival.
- vi. Accepted pax must provide proof of 10-day quarantine booked in the traveller's name or immediate family member's name at a government-designated facility listed with NHRA, **OR**

Provide LMRA visa proof of their employment with NSH Group, **OR**

Provide proof of residence as listed below which should be in the traveller's name or immediate family member's name:

- a. Lease/ Rental Agreement
- b. Electricity bill
- c. Municipality bill

6. Ground Staff at all airports shall provide a MoH Health Declaration Form to each non-vaccinated passenger which shall be completed prior to boarding; these forms are being provided to airports by Hand of Crew or through OCS.

7. Ground Staff shall inform the applicable passengers of the requirement to download the Be Aware mobile application and where possible, pay for the PCR test (BD 36) prior to boarding their flight to BAH to avoid any delays on arrival; children aged 6 years and below are exempt.

8. At Boarding: Ground staff must verify the MoH form is completed by non-vaccinated passengers prior to boarding.
9. The maximum allowable transit time in BAH is 12 hrs.
10. Ground Staff shall ensure that passengers transiting through Bahrain from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal hold a negative PCR test (paper or digital copy) with QR code conducted no more than 48 hours prior to departure; PCR tests without QR code shall not be accepted. Infants and children below the age of 6 are exempted.