

SpiceJet offers USD 4 Covid testing to bring passengers into flying

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New Delhi: SpiceJet is offering passengers COVID-19 tests for as little as INR 299 (USD 4) through its subsidiary SpiceHealth. The price is much lower than the market price for RT-PCR testing and is SpiceJet's most recent attempt to diversify its business. Testing is currently available in New Delhi, Mumbai, and Gurgaon.

SpiceJet is offering travellers a significant discount on testing to start flying again. While RT-PCR tests usually cost between INR 700 - INR 900 (USD 9.6 - USD 12.3), the airline is offering it for under a third of that price.

Passengers flying with SpiceJet can use their PNR as a discount code and book the test for INR 299 (USD 4) at a facility (or pay INR 299 more for home collection), while anyone else looking to get a test can pay INR 499 (USD 6.8). If passengers live near a SpiceHealth testing facility located in Delhi, Mumbai, and Gurgaon, the cost of pre-flight testing just became much much cheaper.

Unlike other airline testing partnerships, SpiceJet runs its own healthcare subsidiary known as "SpiceHealth". The subsidiary is looking to expand to 100 testing facilities and recently opened a genome sequencing lab at Delhi Airport to check for COVID-19 variants.

