

Unvaccinated passengers from 16 countries to complete institutional quarantine in BD

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Dhaka : Passengers without full doses of vaccine from Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, France, Iraq, Ireland, Kaza-khstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Nami-bia, Netherlands, Panama, South Africa, Thailand, Tunisia and the UK, shall have to complete a mandatory 14 days institutional quarantine at government nominated hotels on passengers' own expenses upon arrival, said the Civil Aviation Authority on August 16 in a circular.

Proof of hotel booking shall be produced during check-in and the airline representative shall verify it before issuing the boarding pass.

Following the government guidance and instruction, with immediate effect until further notice, scheduled international passenger flights shall continue as per their approved time slots under Summer-2021 schedule. Mentionable air bubble flights will remain suspended until further notice issued separately, the circular added.

Passengers from Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, France, Iraq, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Namibia, Netherlands, Panama, South Africa, Thailand, Tunisia and the UK (Group B) who have completed full doses of Covid-19 vaccination 14 days prior to the travel date can enter Bangladesh but they will have to complete 14 days strict home quarantine.

However, if any Covid-19 symptoms are found on arrival, passengers will be sent to

government authorised hospital for further checkup depending on the nature or intensity of the symptoms will be sent to isolation at government nominated facilities or hotel at passenger's own expense.

Passengers originating from these countries can have transit via the countries- Argentina, Botswana, Cuba, Cyprus, Eswatini, Georgia, Iran, Libya, Malaysia, Mongolia, and Spain - provided they are kept confined within the transit airport under the close supervision of the airlines.