

Abbreviations

IC	Isolation Center
CLW	Colombo Logistics World (Pvt) Ltd
BP	Birds Park resort
MOH	Medical Officer of Health
PHO	Port Health Officer

Sri Lankan government exercises utmost caution in dealing with Indian seafarers arriving in Sri Lanka for signing on and off via ports and airports in Sri Lanka due to high incidence of spread of Covid-19 in India.

The following steps have been proposed by the Covid-19 task force to prevent community spread while facilitating transfer of Indian crew via Sri Lanka.

- a. To identify main cities Indian Seafarers are coming to Sri Lanka and select which International airports they commonly use.
- b. To identify Government of India approved/certified PCR testing in the Airport cities with the help of Sri Lankan High Commission/Consulates in India.
- c. Direct principles in India to carry out tests only from those laboratories mentioned in above (b)
- d. Identify Isolation center/s (Hotel) in the airport cities closer to the airport (similar to what we are doing in Sri Lanka through approved IC operators) Sri Lankan missions would assist and must recommend such facilities.
- e. Arrange crew members to stay in Isolation centers until they depart to the Airport for the onward journey to Sri Lanka. The procedure should be strictly followed as in the case of Sri Lanka. The stay in these IC's to be minimum number of days possible
- f. Subject the arriving seafarers to a second PCR at the point of entry and then transfer them direct to the port for shore to ship transfer or to an IC as appropriate/required.
- g. The direct bulk crew transfer: From airport to port- ship-port Airport can proceed as per the existing health protocol with minimum contact with Sri Lanka.

Ships' / crew agents have been instructed to inform their principals to liaise with Sri Lankan missions in India to undertake above tasks.

The government of Sri Lanka has published 'recommended' PCR testing centers and Isolation centers closer to New Delhi Airport.

Those seafarers embarking Indian ports or airports for the purpose of transfer via Sri Lanka are expected to have their PCR tests done and have a period of isolation spent in the 'recommended' centers when they seek approval.

This special procedure for seafarers arriving from India will come into effect from 7th September 2020.