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1. Following the government guidance and instruction, **with effect from 0001 BST on 1st May 2021 until further notice**, schedule passenger flights between Dhaka and some selected countries shall resume operation as per their approved time slots under Summer-2021 schedule. Mentionable that Air Bubble flights will remain suspended until further notice.

2. Transportation of passengers (please see the attached list for Group of countries):

(i) **Countries under Group-A:** No incoming (as point of origin) or outgoing passengers are allowed to/from these Group. Only Bangladeshi expatriate/citizens visited (not residing) the countries of these Group in previous 15 days of travel to Bangladesh, are allowed to travel to Dhaka provided that they have **special approval/authorization** from the competent authority of Bangladesh. On arrival they will **complete a mandatory 14 (fourteen) days institutional quarantine** at government nominated hotels on passenger's own expenses. Proof of Hotel Booking shall be produced during check-in and the Airlines representative shall verify it before issuing the Boarding pass.

(ii) **Countries under Group-B:** Any incoming passengers from these Group (as point of origin) are permitted to travel to Dhaka. They will have to complete a **mandatory 14 (fourteen) days institutional quarantine** at government nominated hotels on passenger's own expenses. Proof of Hotel Booking shall be produced during check-in and the Airlines representative shall verify it before issuing the Boarding pass. There is no restriction on the outgoing passengers to these countries. Passengers of these Group can have transit via the countries of Group A, provided that the passengers remain confined within the airport under the close supervision of the Airlines.

As an exception, incoming passengers originating from Bahrain, Kuwait and Qatar shall have to **complete a mandatory 3 (three) days institutional quarantine** at government nominated facilities or at hotels on passenger's own expenses. Airlines shall be confirmed that seats are available at the government institutional quarantine facilities or the passenger have the proof of hotel reservation for institutional quarantine. If seats are not available at the government institutional quarantine facilities, the passenger shall be boarded in the flight only after ensuring the confirmation of hotel reservation.

Upon completion of the 3 days institutional quarantine, medical test will be carried out. The passenger will be released to complete a total of **11** days home quarantine if the medical test result is satisfactory. In case of unsatisfactory medical test result, the passenger shall have to go for isolation at government nominated facilities at own expenses or continue with the institutional quarantine.

No restriction for outgoing passengers to travel to the countries of this Group.

(iii) **Group-C (all other Countries except Group- A & B):** Incoming/outgoing passengers are allowed to/from these countries. Incoming Passengers from these countries of origin will have to complete **14 (fourteen) days strict home quarantine**. However, if any COVID-19 symptoms are detected/observed on arrival, he/she shall be sent to Government Authorized Hospital for further checkup or depending on the nature/intensity of the symptoms, will be sent to isolation at government nominated facilities or Hotel at passenger's own expenses. Passengers originating from these group of countries (group-C) can have transit via the countries of Group A & B provided that the passengers remain confined within the airport under the close supervision of the airlines.

3. All **incoming/outgoing** passengers, except the children below 10 years old, shall mandatorily possess **PCR based COVID-19 negative certificate**. The PCR test shall be done within 72 hours of the flight departure time.
4. **Outgoing** passengers shall also follow the latest restrictions or requirements imposed by the transit/destination country. Airlines concerned shall keep all the passengers well informed about the requirements and formalities of origin / transit / destination countries well before of their travel.
5. Quarantine (institutional/home) formalities **for the diplomats** and their family members shall be as per the decision of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Bangladesh.
6. All **home and institutional quarantine shall be ensured** by the local administration and law enforcing agency(s).
7. Capacity Restrictions for Airlines:
 - (i) **Outgoing flights from Dhaka:** No capacity restriction for Narrow Bodied (Single isle) aircraft. Wide Bodied (Twin isle) aircraft shall carry a maximum of 280 passengers, except B777 and B747 aircraft shall be entitled to carry up to 350 passengers.
 - (ii) **Incoming flights to Dhaka:** A maximum of 140 passengers in the Narrow Bodied (Single isle) aircraft and 200 passengers by the Wide Bodied (Twin isle) aircraft can be carried.
 - (iii) **Incoming and outgoing flights:** In both the cases of Narrow-Body or Wide-Body aircraft, at least the last row of the economy class and one seat of business class (unless otherwise instructed) cabin shall be kept vacant for any suspected COVID- 19 positive passenger(s). Moreover, all health directives including disinfection, social distancing etc. procedure at the airport or in the aircraft shall strictly to be complied following the other directives of CAAB.
8. This circular will replace, to the extent it is relevant, the instructions contained in any other Civil Aviation Circular/Instruction/Directives issued by CAAB in this regard.



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Group of Countries

Group-A:

- 1 Argentina
- 2 Brazil
- 3 Colombia
- 4 Costa Rica
- 5 Cyprus
- 6 Georgia
- 7 India
- 8 Iran
- 9 Mongolia
- 10 Oman
- 11 South Africa
- 12 Tunisia

Group-B:

1. Austria
2. Azerbaijan
3. Bahrain
4. Belgium
5. Chile
6. Croatia
7. Estonia
8. France
9. Germany
10. Greece
11. Hungary
12. Iraq
13. Kuwait
14. Italy
15. Latvia
16. Lithuania
17. Netherlands
18. Paraguay
19. Peru
20. Qatar
21. Slovenia
22. Spain
23. Sweden
24. Switzerland
25. Turkey
26. Uruguay

Group-C: All countries except in Group-A and Group-B above