



THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH

**Announcement of precautionary measures for travellers from the Republic of Botswana and the Republic of South Africa affected with Omicron (B.1.1.529): SARS-CoV-2 Variant of Concern to prevent the spread of the new SARS-CoV-2 variant**

**30<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

1. On 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021, the World Health Organization announced that the B.1.1.529 variant was first reported to WHO from South Africa on 24 November 2021, and Preliminary evidence suggests an increased risk of reinfection with this variant, as compared to other (Variant of Concern) VOCs.
2. In light of the above scenario, the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is obliged to take precautionary measures to control and limit the risk of transmission of the new SARS-CoV-2 variant to Myanmar. The travellers from the affected countries may pose a threat to the population in Myanmar.
3. Therefore, the Ministry of Health will implement the below precautionary measures for travellers from the Republic of Botswana and the Republic of South Africa affected with Omicron (B.1.1.529): SARS-CoV-2 Variant of Concern to prevent the spread of the new SARS-CoV-2 variant and travelers who had visited these countries during the last 14 days.
4. Those travelers will be subjected to 14-day facility quarantine/ hotel quarantine on arrival and will be tested for COVID-19 by RT-PCR on Day 1, Day 3, and Day 11 during the quarantine period whatever the COVID-19 vaccination status.
5. The **temporary precautionary measures** will take effect starting from **30<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 2359 hours MST**. The Ministry of Health is continuously monitoring the global epidemiological situation on COVID-19 and especially the transmission pattern of the new SARS-CoV-2 variant and will make a further announcement on additional precautionary measures as and when necessary.

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