BLR Airport launches 24/7 COVID-19 testing facility

Implemented jointly by Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) and Auriga Research Private Limited, the around-the-clock RT-PCR test service offers an express option with a turn-around time of less than 15 minutes and can be pre-booked online

As part of its effort to make the passenger experience convenient and hassle-free, Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL), operator of Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru (KIAB/BLR Airport) has launched an around-the-clock COVID-19 testing facility at the airport.

Located near the Arrivals area of the Terminal, the NABL and ICMR certified RT-PCR testing center is managed and operated by Bengaluru-based Auriga Research Private Limited. There will be a sample collection kiosk inside the Terminal and a dedicated, state-of-the-art laboratory outside the BLR Airport Terminal. A waiting lounge with strict adherence to COVID-19 safety protocols is part of the facility.

International arrival passengers unable to get a test prior to boarding their flight can make use of this facility on their arrival at BLR. The service will be available to departing passengers, who need to undergo a RT-PCR test before traveling and produce a COVID-19 negative test report at their destination.

Categorized under the express test method on the globally acclaimed Abbott ID Now, the RT-PCR test result will be available in less than 15 minutes, while the regular RT-PCR test result could take up to six hours. Until the test results are received, the individuals tested will be required to wait in a specially demarcated area. Reports will be shared directly via digital platforms.

As per government requirements, the results of all samples will be registered on the ICMR website. The slots for testing can be pre-booked at: https://testing-lab.com/covid19-testing-center

Please note the following breakdown of the available service via test type:

Rapid PCR (Abbott ID Now): ₹ 2,400; express turn-around (13 minutes)

RT-PCR: ₹ 800; standard turn-around (24 hours)

Passengers who test positive will be processed; BIAL has established detailed operating procedures in order to manage people who test COVID-19 positive at the BLR Airport, in accordance with guidelines stipulated by the relevant authorities.