

BIAL launches 24/7 COVID-19 testing at Bengaluru Airport

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As part of its effort to make passenger journeys convenient and hassle-free, Bengaluru International Airport Limited (BIAL) - operator of Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru (KIAB/ BLR Airport) - has launched a round-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 centre 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. 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 travelling and produce a COVID-19 negative test report at their destination.

Under the express test method on the globally acclaimed Abbott ID Now™, the RT-PCR test result would be available in less than 15 minutes, while the regular RT-PCR test result would take upto six hours. Until the test results are received, those tested would be required to wait in a specially demarcated area. Reports would be shared directly with those tested through digital platforms. As per Government requirements, the results of all samples will be registered on the ICMR website.