

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

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Preparation for CAPSCA Assistance Visit

Bangkok *June 2025*



What is a CAPSCA Assistance Visit?

- A coordinated and planned visit to a State
- On voluntary request by a State
- Consisting a team of SMEs Aviation & Public Health
- Not a formal audit
- Report with recommendations shared directly with the State





Why request a CAPSCA Assistance Visit?

- It forms part of ICAO's implementation assistance support activities
- Support states with implementation of the WHO IHR, ICAO SARPs and relevant guidance
- Independent assessment of a State's preparedness for managing public health events in aviation

International Health Regulations (IHR) published by WHO ICAO Annexes 6, 9, 11, 14, 18 & PANS-ATM, FAL, Aviation Medicine

National Public Health Emergency Contingency Plan

National Aviation Regulations with standards related to public health

National Aviation Plan for a Public Health Emergency

Airport (PoE) Public Health Emergency Contingency Plan

Aerodrome

Emergency Plan and Aerodrome Manual including public health emergencies

Air Traffic Services
(ATS) contingency
plan including public
health emergencies

ATS Procedures for notification of suspected public health risk on board an aircraft **Aircraft Operators**

Procedures for managing suspected public health risk on board an aircraft



Business Continuity Management Plans and Procedures for Airports, Airlines & ANSPs



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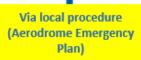
Air Traffic Controller

- **Airport Operator**
- **Public Health Authority**
- Other agency(ies)

- Aircraft Call sign (ID)
- Dep. Aerodrome - Dest. Aerodrome
- Est. Time Arrival
- No persons on board
- No of suspect cases Nature of health risk
- **Airport Operator**
- **Public Health** Authority
- Other agency(ies)

Aircraft Operator (or handling agency) at destination aerodrome incl. ground-based medical services provider (if available)

Via local procedure (Aerodrome Emergency Plan)



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Destination Aerodrome Air Traffic Services



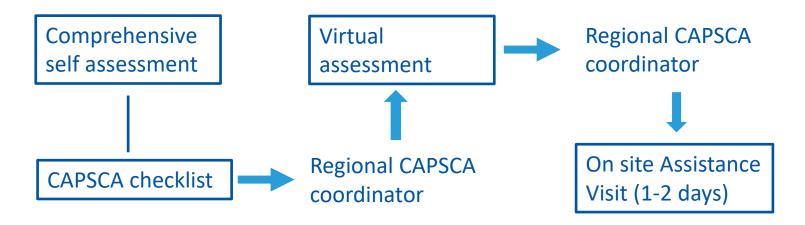








Arranging a CAPSCA Assistance Visit





Assess capabilities and gaps that need to be addressed or strengthened to prevent and manage public health emergencies in aviation

Participation in a CAPCSA Assistance Visit

CAPSCA

- Regional Coordinator
- Technical advisor
- State CAPSCA focal point

Health

- WHO representative
- Public Health Authority
- Medical clinic
- Ambulance services

Aviation

- Civil Aviation Authority
- Airport personnel
- Rescue services
- Air Navigation
 Service Providers
- Aircraft operators



Airport Visit Methodology

- Shall not affect normal operations
- Introduction of all stakeholders
- Discussion of roles and responsibilities of stakeholders, including PHE procedures
- Agreement of the objectives and areas to be visited
- Walk-through observing facilities and equipment, and discussion with employees
- Could include a simulation exercise of the arrival of an aircraft with a suspected case of communicable disease on board or the management of a disease outbreak in the State or in the vicinity of the airport
- Debriefing with initial comments and recommendations





Airport Facilities

- **Emergency Operations Centre**
- Air traffic control tower
- Port Health offices and screening areas
- First aid clinics
- **Airport Medical Services**
- **Customs and Immigration**
- Treatment, isolation and quarantine facilities
- Rescue and Fire Fighting Services
- Designated aircraft parking position
- Ambulance services
- Any other agency / area / facility involved in a public health emergency







Report and follow-up

Confidential Report

One month after visit

Sent to CAA and PHA

? forward to stakeholders

State Action Plan

One month after report

ICAO CAPSCA Regional Coordinator

Do not forget to follow up on State action Plan





