Briefing from IATA

Recommendations

Immediately implement CART's global guidelines: Recommendations, Principles, and Guidance for Air Travel through the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis (Takeoff).

Follow the phased approach to restarting aviation and risk-based measures proposed in CART guidelines

All measures should be risk-based, supported by scientific evidence and recommended by CART

Consider a set strategy to regularly re-evaluate measures as more effective measures become available

Consider flexibility of national guidelines as health facts and resources become gradually more available

Set an exit strategy as situation develops in view of above point.

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Consult with key stakeholders in the process (airlines, airports, ANSPs, ground handlers) to ensure consistency of measures and efficiency in application.

Adopt measures that stimulate travel demand by airlines and passengers (Travel incentives, Destination marketing, Visa Facilitation, etc.)

Invest in Technology to encourage a touchless process that mitigates transmission risk, and to enhance travel facilitation in the time of social distancing.

Passenger health and contact information needs to be collected directly from the passenger by the concerned government department and be the government department's responsibility and in its custody.

Implement the required regulations concerning aspects relating to cybersecurity and the protection of personal data accordingly.

Measures to Avoid

Avoid a global patchwork of incompatible aviation health safety measures which will impact the travel experience and passenger confidence

Avoid rigorous measures that do not provide added protection to passengers and personnel and create undue economic burdens; for example, social distancing on-board, quarantine requirements on arrival, over-necessary disinfection of aircraft, etc.

Avoid any compromise in the safety and security of civil aviation

Avoid unclear measures that are open for interpretation and becomes hard to comply with

Avoid burdening the industry with additional charges/fees which are not transparent, user related or constructed in accordance with ICAO recommended practices

Avoid measures that need to be applied during the travel process should be applied prior to departure rather than on arrival (e.g. quarantine and testing upon arrival):

- To minimize risk of contagion in the airport environment
- To ensure that most passengers arrive at the airport ready to travel