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Four foreign returnees from 'at risk' countries have tested positive for coronavirus, state health authorities confirmed on Wednesday. The samples of the infected persons have been sent to Insascog laboratory at the Institute of Life Sciences (ILS) to ascertain whether they are carrying the Omicron variant of the virus. The health authorities, however, refused to divulge the names of the countries they returned from as well as their place of residence in the state.

"They have mild symptoms. Their samples have been sent for genome sequencing and the reports are awaited," Niranjan Mishra, director of public health, said

European countries, including the UK, besides South Africa, Bangladesh, Botswana, China, Mauritius, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Singapore, Hong Kong and Israel have been identified by the Centre as being 'at risk' of the spread of the Omicron mutation of Covid.

The Centre had sent the list of these countries to the states to help them track and trace flyers from there on their arrival here.

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