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Title:	Goa reports first Omicron case in South Goa			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-South Goa, SSU – Goa			

Goa detected its first case of Omicron on Monday with an eight-year-old boy, who came here about eleven days ago with his father from the UK, testing positive.

The boy and his father have been in isolation at the state facility in South Goa, Dr Ira Almeida, director of health services, told TOI.

The father has though tested negative for Omicron variant, his sample will be retested, said Almeida.

Meanwhile, a report of a 13-year-old boy is negative for the Omicron variant and more reports are awaited.

All the travellers coming from the high-risk countries are tested on arrival at Dabolim International Airport and samples of those who test Covid positive are sent for genome sequencing to a laboratory outside the state.

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While throughout the month, the daily count of Covid-19 infections were below the 50-mark, a marginal rise was noted on Friday and Saturday.

Almeida said the officials have intensified contact tracing to contain the possible spread of the virus in view of the Omicron scare.

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