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To: All Tourist Establishments
Subject: COVID-19 Testing for Tourists

Dear Sir/Madam,

As we begin a new journey today by reopening of our tourism industry with enhanced precautionary measures against COVID-19, after nearly four months of tourist arrival suspension in the country the first flight carrying tourists to the Maldives landed at Velana International Airport on 15 July 2020.

To ensure the safety of all during this pandemic, A COVID-19 safe tourism guideline is set in place by the Ministry of Tourism with a certification program highlighting the safety and hygiene standards for all tourist and related stakeholder facilities. In addition, a guideline on public health interactions to prevent COVID-19 transmission in the tourism sector has also been compiled and published by the Health Protection Agency of the Maldives.

Although on arrival COVID-19 testing is not mandatory for non-symptomatic tourists entering the Maldives, it is a mandatory obligation for some countries to produce a COVID-19 test result as an entry requirement for all visitors. Hence, the government of Maldives is working with stakeholder agencies to facilitate voluntary COVID-19 testing for tourists in regional health centers and in hospitals in Male'. As such, below are the hospitals currently providing testing services and their rates for the services. Furthermore, we are also in discussion with relevant authorities on establishing better and easier testing services which will allow the tourists to get the service in a timely manner and is convenient for all.

Hospital/Health Center	Type of Test	Rate
Tree Top Hospital (Hulhumale')	COVID-19 Serology (IgG / IgM) Testing	MVR 420/-
	COVID-19 PCR Testing	MVR 2,000/-
ADK Hospital (Male')	COVID-19 Antibody Testing	US\$ 50/-
	COVID-19 PCR Testing	MVR 1,542/-
IGMH (Male')	COVID-19 Antibody Testing	MVR 590/-
	COVID-19 PCR Testing	MVR 1,534/-

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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