



## C I R C U L A R

Ref Number: 88-PS/CIR/2022/14

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022

To: All Tourist Facilities

Subject: **State of Public Health Emergency Revoked**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Pursuant to the government of Maldives revoking State of Public Health emergency on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and Health Protection Agency (HPA) announcement number (IUL)23/452/2022/8 (13<sup>th</sup> March 2022), it has been decided to ease the Covid-19 measures as below;

1. **Negative PCR testing** for inbound and/or outbound travel to and from the Maldives (**except for travelers whose destination countries requires negative PCR**), as well as for domestic travel is **NO LONGER** required. However, even with the said ease, it is recommended that all travelers **except for Maldivians and Tourists** undertake a PCR test for Covid-19 between 3-5 days of arrival into the Maldives. If an individual is found to be symptomatic upon arrival into the Maldives, they may undergo an antigen test.
2. All travelers (including children who are not eligible for vaccination) arriving to the Maldives and travelling within the Maldives, **do not require to undergo any travel related quarantine irrespective of their vaccination status.**
3. Wearing a facemask is **NO LONGER** mandatory, however, masks **is required to** be worn at:
  - 3.1. Health Facilities - Staff, Patients and Visitors **MUST** wear masks
  - 3.2. Islands/Areas with a sample positivity rate higher than 20%
4. It is also **recommended** that masks are worn in the following conditions:
  - 4.1. If you exhibit any symptoms of Covid-19
  - 4.2. In providing services where large crowds are present
  - 4.3. In gatherings in confined indoor spaces
  - 4.4. Whilst using public transportation





Even though the Public Health Emergency has been revoked, Covid-19 response will continue accordingly, and measures are required to be taken according to the prevailing Covid-19 situation within the country. As such, the following measures will **still** be implemented:

- Testing for people who are symptomatic
- Isolation for people who test positive
- Quarantine for contacts of people who test positive.

In addition, Ministry of Tourism is pleased to inform that Split-stay procedures (Declaration forms, exit-screening) are **NO LONGER** mandatory, as well as submitting the monthly staff-travel records to the Ministry. Nevertheless, it is recommended that tourist facilities still maintain a record of these movements and exercise caution at all times.

All tourist facilities should continue to ensure that travelers complete the required formalities including completion of arrival and departures health declaration and where the destination countries requires a negative PCR result.

For any assistance in this regard, please contact our Situation Monitoring Unit (SMU) on (+960)9423131 or email us at [smu@tourism.gov.mv](mailto:smu@tourism.gov.mv).

Yours sincerely,



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