



MINISTRY OF TOURISM
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

C I R C U L A R

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Date: 30th April 2021

To: All Tourist Facilities

Subject: **Active Surveillance at ports of entry and at tourist facilities**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference is made to the “Public Health Emergency” announced on 12th March 2020, pursuant to Clause 33 of the Public Health Protection Act (7/2012), whereby the Director General of Public Health is legally empowered and obligated to take specific measures as deemed necessary to control the spread of Covid-19 in Maldives.

In this regard, as a proactive Covid-19 prevention measure, it has been decided to conduct **Active Surveillance** for Covid-19 at ports of entry and at tourist facilities, including the random sampling and testing of passengers at ports of entry and staff at tourist facilities effective **30th April 2021**.

All samples taken for the said purpose would be free of charge and will be run on a priority basis. It is advised that those with pending results limit interactions with others until a confirmed result has been issued. International travelers may utilize the Negative Test Results for their departure purpose if required, and if within the required duration.

Hence, we request all tourists and staff who are selected at random for the active surveillance stated above, to cooperate with officials from the **International Border Health, Maldives Immigration, Maldives Airports Company Limited**, and **Health Emergency Operation Centre**, who have been assigned to carry out these tests.

We anticipate your full support in this national public health efforts and request all tourist facilities to maintain adherence to the guidelines announced by the Ministry and Health Protection Agency.

Yours sincerely,

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