



MINISTRY OF TOURISM
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

C I R C U L A R

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To: All Tourist Facilities

Subject: **Implementation of additional measures towards Travelers from India**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference is made to the Announcement Number 2021/31 published on the Government of Maldives Gazette on 25th April 2021, by Health Protection Agency (HPA). With the authority vested with Director General of Public Health under the clause number 34 and 12 of the Public Health Act 7/2012, it has been decided to implement below additional measure for travelers from India, effective **27th April 2021** until further notice;

- 1. Tourists arriving to the Maldives from India** (including those exceeding transit stays of 24 hours) who have completed the prescribed dose(s) of a Covid-19 vaccine, must hold a negative result for a nucleic acid test (PCR test) for COVID- 19 prior to entry into the Maldives. The sample for said PCR test must be taken not more than 96 hours prior to the scheduled time of departure from the first port of embarkation en-route to the Maldives. Furthermore, all above mentioned tourists should undertake a PCR test for COVID- 19 within a maximum of 72 hours prior to their departure from the Maldives.
- 2. Maldivians and work permit holders to Maldives from India** who have completed the prescribed dose(s) of a Covid-19 vaccine, must undertake a nucleic acid test (PCR test) for COVID- 19 within 24 hours of arrival to the Maldives and observe a mandatory travel quarantine of 10 days, followed by a negative PCR test result at the end of this period. However, children below one-year-old are exempted from the aforementioned requirement.
- 3. To halt any further check-ins of inbound tourists from India** (including those exceeding transit stays of 24 hours in India) to Guesthouses and Hotels in Inhabited Islands (excluding hotels and guesthouses in secluded areas of the Inhabited Islands).





We regret any inconveniences caused in our endeavor to make tourism in the Maldives the safest possible with minimum inconvenience, and as always, take this opportunity to thank all tourist facilities for the support & cooperation extended to us at all times.

For further clarification, please contact our Situation Monitoring Unit (SMU) on (+960) 9423131 or email us at smu@tourism.gov.mv .

Yours sincerely,

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