



MINISTRY OF TOURISM
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

C I R C U L A R

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To: All Tourist Facilities

Subject: **Halting the issuance of release documents for Positives/Direct Contacts**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference is made to the Announcement Number: (IUL)452/452/2021/11 published on 26th May 2021, by Health Protection Agency regarding halting the issuance of release documents for Positive Cases and Direct Contacts of Covid-19. Pursuant to this, the isolation notice issued now will show the total isolation period the person(s) are required to undergo, and after this period is complete, they will be released from the isolation by default.

Nevertheless, the isolation period of positive cases of Covid-19 will vary depending on their symptoms. If the person identified as a positive case of Covid-19 is undergoing treatment at a medical facility, their isolation period will exceed 14 days and the total number of days will depend on the doctor's instruction.

The following should be fulfilled before the release of a Positive Case or a Direct Contact.:

1. The person identified as a positive case must observe the mandatory 14-day isolation period.
2. After the completion of isolation period, the person must be released if he/she shows no symptoms. (If the person shows symptoms such as fever, breathing difficulties, coughing, etc. during the last 03 consecutive days of isolation, the isolation period will be extended until the person is asymptomatic for next 03 consecutive days).
3. The tourist facility must ensure, that the current practice of assessment by a doctor at the end of isolation and it is recorded on the Release Summary Form. The said form must be filled and submitted to recovery@health.gov.mv.
4. The person identified as a direct contact of a positive case must observe the mandatory 14-day quarantine period followed by a negative PCR test result at the end of this quarantine period. The tourist facility must obtain the negative test result from the laboratory through a verifiable communication method and ensure that the result is uploaded on the designated portal.

Additionally, please note that release documents will be provided for tourists upon request from the tourist facility if their airline or the destination country requires a document for departure. We also advise all person(s) who are isolated at respective facility to seek medical attention and consult a doctor immediately if any symptoms develop.

Yours sincerely,

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