



MINISTRY OF TOURISM
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

C I R C U L A R

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To: All Tourist Facilities

Subject: **Reminder on the Updated Travel Restriction**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference to the announcements published on the Government of Maldives Gazette by Health Protection Agency (HPA); the Ministry of Tourism would like to remind all tourist facilities of the below guidelines and request the same to be communicated with all staff to ensure that all facilities are familiar with and adhere to these accordingly.

1. Travel related “Quarantine Period” for both travelling to Maldives from abroad and to those travelling internally, has been extended to 14 (fourteen) days.
2. “Quarantine Exemption”, formally eligible for those who have completed vaccination 14 days prior to, and to those who were positive and recovered within 90 days of travel to the destination, **HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY HALTED** and therefore, travelers falling into these categories would also need to undergo mandatory travel quarantine and testing, till further notice.
 - 2.a. However, the quarantine exemptions provided to tourists if tested positive or identified as a direct contact in the Maldives, will still be granted, and continued allowing them to be released for departure from Maldives upon submission and verification of records showing positivity for Covid-19 during the past 90 days.
3. All travelling to local islands, that require quarantine as above, must complete the approval process through “Haalubelun portal” before they commence the travel and this should be ensured by the tourist facilities.
4. All travelling to resorts that require quarantine as above, must complete the approval process through “FAAS portal” (requested on behalf of the clients by the tourist facility) and approved by the Ministry of Tourism (MoT).

Furthermore, while we express our sincere gratitude towards all tourist facilities for the continuous co-operation provided throughout these difficult times, we would like to note that it has been brought to our attention by the local councils, that staffs from tourist facilities have been traveling to local islands without obtaining the necessary approvals.



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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