



MINISTRY OF TOURISM
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

C I R C U L A R

Ref Number: 88-PS/CIR/2020/93

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To: All Tourist Facilities

Subject: **Implementation of additional measures with the emergence of the new Covid-19 variant**

Dear Sir/Madam,

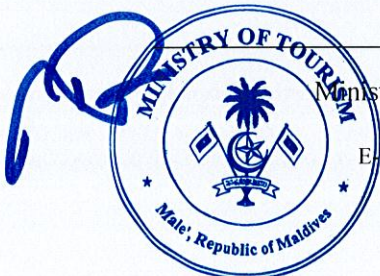
Reference is made to our circular number 88-PS/CIR/2020/90 dated 22nd December 2020.

As part of the additional measures being implemented with the emergence of the new variant of Covid-19 in the United Kingdom (UK), all arriving **locals** and **work-visa holders** from the **UK**, or with a travel history to the UK within the past 14 days of arrival to the Maldives (including transits/layovers exceeding 12 hours) **are required to complete a mandatory home-quarantine period of 10 days on arrival to the Maldives**. They will also require to undergo PCR tests on the 5th and 10th day of quarantine to detect any trace of the virus.

Despite these measures, these passengers will still need to present a Negative PCR result for which the sample was taken within a maximum of 96 hours prior to their departure en route to the Maldives.

Furthermore, any person(s) travelling and from tourist establishments to conduct any recreational activities (i.e. musicians, performers, artists) are required to adhere to the below.

- Present a Negative Covid-19 result, for which the sample was taken within 72 hours prior to departure to the tourist establishment.
- Complete a mandatory quarantine period of 10 days upon return from the tourist establishment and undergo a PCR test at the end of this period. (Applicable to those travelling from Greater Male' area and other inhabited islands as well).
- If a person is obliged to travel on another project to a different tourist facility during this quarantine period, they may do so given that a Negative PCR test result is presented, and proper safety measures are implemented at the tourist establishment. Masks should be worn and social distancing must be maintained at all times. Additionally, arrangements of accommodation, food and other services must be arranged independent of the resort's guests and staff in line with the respective guidelines of the Health Protection Agency (HPA).
- Apart from the above, if a person(s) from the above category (i.e., musicians, performers, artists etc.) wishes to travel between tourist establishments without returning to their resident city/island; they may do so with prior approval from the Ministry of Tourism.



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We thank you all for your continued support and cooperation towards reviving the tourism sector despite these challenging times and request all tourist facilities to maintain adherence to the procedures and guidelines announced by the Ministry and HPA.

Yours sincerely,


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