Ref Number: 88-PS/CIR/2022/12

Date: 04th March 2022

To: All Tourist Facilities

Subject: Revised PCR Test requirement

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference is made to the Announcement Number (IUL) 23/452/2022/6 published on the Government of Maldives Gazette by the Health Protection Agency (HPA) on 04th March 2022. Effective 05th March 2022, it has been decided to revise the PCR test requirement as below:

a) Passengers entering to Maldives are NO LONGER required to present a PCR negative test result upon arrival if the individual(s) have completed the prescribed dose(s) of a Covid-19 vaccine that is being approved by the Maldives Food & Drug Authority or by the World Health Organization (WHO) Emergency Use Listing (EUL) and at least 14 (fourteen) days have passed since. (Booster dose(s) are not required to be eligible for this exemption).

b) Tourists who spend their holiday in tourist facilities in inhabited islands are NO LONGER required to do a PCR test when departing from respective inhabited islands.

However, Work Permit Holders and Maldivians are required to do a PCR test for Covid-19 between 3-5 days of arrival to Maldives. Additionally, children (above one year) who are not eligible for vaccination and individual(s) who have not completed the prescribed dose(s) of a Covid-19 vaccine, will still be required to present a negative PCR upon arrival to Maldives, for which the sample for the PCR is taken at most 96 (ninety-six) hours before the departure from the first port of embarkation.

For any assistance in this regard, please contact our Situation Monitoring Unit (SMU) on (+960) 9423131 or email us at smu@tourism.gov.mv.

Yours sincerely,

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