



MINISTRY OF TOURISM  
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

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**Date:** 08<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
**To:** All Tourist Facilities  
**Subject:** **Change in Re-testing policies of PCR test**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to inform all tourist facilities that the Health Protection Agency (HPA) has informed that they will no longer be providing any warrant for the re-testing of PCR tests in the event any tourist(s) are tested positive for Covid-19, effective **04<sup>th</sup> January 2022**. However, tourist(s) who wish to do a **re-run** of their initial sample to re-confirm the initial positive result for Covid-19 can still do so at the government referral laboratory (IGMH), upon request through their tourist facility.

Hence, the tourist facility, on behalf of the tourist(s), may submit the request to the Health Emergency Operations Centre (HEOC) via email as follows:

- To: [heoc.pcr@health.gov.mv](mailto:heoc.pcr@health.gov.mv)
- CC: [ct.team1@health.gov.mv](mailto:ct.team1@health.gov.mv) and [ct.team10@health.gov.mv](mailto:ct.team10@health.gov.mv)

Please be informed that all the logistical arrangements for the transfer of PCR sample(s) including any applicable fees shall be borne by the tourist facility, and the tourist facility shall obtain prior approval from HEOC for the re-run of the sample before its transfer to the IGMH laboratory.

We thank you for your continued support extended towards reviving the tourism sector despite these challenging times.

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

Yours sincerely,

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