



MINISTRY OF TOURISM  
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

## C I R C U L A R

Ref Number: 88-PS/CIR/2021/99

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> December 2021

To: All Tourist Facilities

Subject: **Update on Travel Restrictions regarding the SARS-CoV-2 Omicron Variant**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference is made to our Circular Number **88-PS/CIR/2021/92** (28<sup>th</sup> November 2021) and Announcement Number **(IUL)23-L/452/2021/12** published on **26<sup>th</sup> December 2021**, by Health Protection Agency (HPA).

Pursuant to the HPA announcement, it has been decided to implement below additional measures effective **26<sup>th</sup> December 2021**.

- All travelers to Maldives should hold a negative result for a nucleic acid test (PCR test) for Covid-19 prior to entry in to the Maldives, including those who have completed the prescribed dose(s) of Covid-19 vaccines. The sample for the PCR test must be taken at most 96 hours before departure from the first embarkation point.
- Travelers **excluding tourists** shall undertake a PCR test for Covid-19 within the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> day of arrival to Maldives.
- Maldivians and Work permit holders who have not completed the prescribed dose(s) of Covid-19 vaccines shall undergo a mandatory travel quarantine of 14 days followed by PCR testing for Covid-19 upon completion of this 14 day period.

Additionally, please be informed that the suspension on the entry for travelers (**excluding Maldivians and Work permit holders**) arriving from the South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Lesotho and Eswatini, **has been lifted effective 26th December 2021**.

We take this opportunity to thank all tourist facilities for the support & cooperation extended at all times. For further clarification, 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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