



MINISTRY OF TOURISM
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

C I R C U L A R

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To: All Tourist Facilities

Subject: Travel to local islands for the Local Council Election

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference is made to the Announcement Number 2021/28 published on the Government of Maldives Gazette on 8th April 2021, by Health Protection Agency, regarding traveling to local islands for the purpose of casting votes in the upcoming “Local Council and Women’s Development Committee Representatives’ Election 2020” on 10th April 2021, during the current Covid-19 pandemic situation.

In order to avoid the risk of transmission of Covid-19, we advise all tourist facilities to adhere to the guidelines set forth as per aforementioned announcement.

With reference to the authority vested with Director General of Public Health under the Public health act 7/2012, clause 34 and 12, it has been decided that those traveling to vote to their respective registered islands from Greater Male’ area (Male’, Hulhumale’, Villingili, Thalafushi, Gulhi falhu and Hulhule), Tourist Resorts (including resort developing islands), Liveboards, Guesthouse islands and those islands under monitoring until 11th April 2021, are to be exempted from the mandatory 10-day travel quarantine given the below conditions are adhered to;

- To avoid all public places on the island (ie; restaurants, cafe’s) other than the registered voting center of the respective island.
- Separate arrangements for food and accommodation must be made.
- All person(s) traveling for said purpose shall maintain their distance from other residents on the island; and avoid activities such as home visits within the island.
- To return back to their respective place/island of stay within a maximum of 48 hours after the cast of vote.
- To vote only during the allocated time by the Elections Commission for such person(s) or those isolated/quarantined on the island.
- To inform the respective island authorities of the travel dates, duration and place of stay prior to travel.
- To follow all the guidelines published in relation to the Local Council Election during the Covid-19 outbreak.

Additionally, please note that the aforementioned travel quarantine exemption applies strictly to ONLY those traveling for voting to their respective registered island.

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We take this opportunity to thank you for the support and cooperation you have extended to us at all times and anticipate your full support and request all tourist facilities to maintain adherence to the procedures and guidelines announced by the Ministry and Health Protection Agency.

Yours sincerely,

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