



MINISTRY OF TOURISM
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

C I R C U L A R

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To: All Tourist Facilities

Subject: Update on Travel Restriction for South Asian Countries

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference is made to the **Announcement Numbers 2021/63 & 2021/64** published on the Government of Maldives Gazette on **29th June 2021**, by Health Protection Agency (HPA) and our Circular Numbers **88-PS/CIR/2021/40 (08th May 2021) & 88-PS/CIR/2021/42 (11th May 2021)**.

As per the announcement by HPA, it has been decided to implement below eases in restriction;

- 1) Tourists traveling from South Asia will be issued on-arrival tourist visa, **tentatively** from **15th July 2021** subject to review of the Covid-19 situation of the respective South Asian Country at that time.
- 2) Effective from **7th July 2021**, with below conditions, work permit holders traveling from South Asian Countries can enter Maldives;
 - (a) Should hold a negative result for a nucleic acid test (PCR test) for COVID- 19 prior to entry into 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.
 - (b) To undergo mandatory travel quarantine of 14 days as per the guidelines set forth by HPA at a designated quarantine facility.
 - (b) Undertake a PCR test for Covid-19 within 48 -72 hours of arrival to Maldives.
 - (c) Undertake a PCR test for Covid-19 upon completion of 14 days of travel quarantine and will be released on receiving a negative result.

Please note that further details regarding the designated quarantine facility and quarantine guidelines pursuant to 2(a) of this circular will be communicated with all tourist facilities as soon as these details are obtained from HPA.

Furthermore, please also be informed that "Quarantine Exemption", will now be eligible for locals who were tested positive and recovered within 60 days of travel to the destination.

We take this opportunity to thank all tourist facilities for the support & cooperation extended to us at all times. For further clarification, please contact our Situation Monitoring Unit (SMU) on (+960) 9423131 or email us at smu@tourism.gov.mv.

Yours sincerely,


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