



MINISTRY OF TOURISM
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C I R C U L A R

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Date: 3 June 2020

To: All Tourist Resorts

Subject: **COVID-19: Employees Returning Back to Resort for Work**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference is made to our circular dated 31 May 2020 (Ref: 88-B/CIR/2020/40).

Following the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak most resorts closed down their businesses and employees were temporarily sent off to their home islands. However, as the Maldives is gearing towards opening border and resuming tourism from 1st July 2020, we understand that the resorts which were closed down are also making necessary preparations and getting ready to reopen their resort.

Although lockdown measures in the country have been relaxed, travel between islands is still restricted. Hence, we have discussed with the Health Protection Agency of the Maldives (HPA) on a way forward for resort employees to be able to travel back to the resort, and the following arrangements have been made.

1. **Local Islands that are not under monitoring by HPA** – Staff from these Islands can travel to the resort and resume work immediately.
2. **Local islands that are currently placed under monitoring or islands where the monitoring state has been lifted but the 14 days quarantine period has not been completed** - staff from these Islands can travel to the resort, however will need to complete 14 days quarantine period in the resort before they can resume work.
3. Resort management shall provide details of staff that needs to travel back to the resort and get an approval from the Ministry of Tourism.

Therefore, please send us the name and details of your staff who needs to return back to the resort to resume work. Please send the details as in the attached format to iihr@tourism.gov.mv.

For any queries please feel free to contact Ms. Mariyam Lubna Ahmed from our Industry HR section at iihr@tourism.gov.mv or our hotline at 7223131.

We thank you for your continued support and cooperation during this challenging time.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,


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