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## C I R C U L A R

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To: All Tourist Facilities

Subject: **Revised procedure for testing for Covid-19 and Quarantine durations**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference is made to the **Announcement Number (IUL) 23-L/452/2022/3** published on the Government of Maldives Gazette by the Health Protection Agency (HPA) on **01<sup>st</sup> February 2022**. With the authority vested with Director General of Public Health under the clause number 34 and 12 of the Public Health Act 7/2012, effective **02<sup>nd</sup> February 2022**, it has been decided to revise the quarantine and testing procedures **for individual(s) who have completed the prescribed dose(s) of a Covid-19 vaccine** in case of being identified as a direct contact of a positive case of Covid-19 as below;

- a) Individual(s) who have been identified as a direct contact of a positive case but **asymptomatic**, are **NOT** required to observe a quarantine period. However, **if symptomatic** the individual shall undertake a PCR test **or** a Rapid Antigen Test for Covid-19 and can **ONLY** be released upon receiving a negative test result.
- b) Regardless of the ease mentioned in (a), ALL individual(s) who are identified as a direct contact of a positive case are required to **undertake an additional PCR test after 05 (five) days** from the date of last contact with the said positive case.
- c) The ease mentioned in (a) and (b) is strictly applicable **ONLY** to those direct contacts who are **quarantined separately** from the positive case.

The procedures mentioned below are to be ensured and implemented for individual(s) who observe their mandatory **quarantine period together with a positive case of Covid-19**.

- I. Individual(s) identified as a direct contact of a positive case of Covid-19 must observe quarantine till the positive case of Covid-19 completes their isolation period.
- II. The quarantine period specified in (I) will come to an end **ONLY** upon receiving a negative result for the PCR test done at the end of isolation period of the positive case of Covid-19.
- III. Regardless of the ease mentioned in (II), such individual(s) are required to **undertake an additional PCR test after 05 (five) days** from the end of the isolation period of the positive case.





Furthermore, individual(s) shall only use the Rapid Antigen self-kit to test for Covid -19 if they have Covid-19 symptoms. If these test results are positive, then the individual will be considered a positive case of Covid-19 and the prescribed measures would apply. However, if an Isolation document is needed, a PCR test or a Rapid Antigen Test for Covid-19 shall be taken from an approved laboratory or health facility.

Please be informed that individual(s) are considered to have completed the prescribed doses of a Covid-19 vaccine and the related eases mentioned in this circular can **ONLY** be exercised if the following conditions are met:

- 1- Vaccine administered by the individual(s) is approved by the Maldives Food & Drug Authority or by the World Health Organization (WHO) Emergency Use Listing (EUL) and at least 14 (fourteen) days have passed and 06 (six) months have not exceeded after the administration of the prescribed doses.
- 2- If 06 (six) months have passed since completion of the prescribed doses, a BOOSTER dose for covid-19 must also be completed.

Additionally, those individual(s) who are observing their mandatory Quarantine when this circular comes into effect, can also avail the eases above upon fulfillment of the conditions stated. Hence, all individual(s) are advised to provide proper and accurate information with regard to the symptoms and vaccination details in all circumstances.

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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