



MINISTRY OF TOURISM
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

C I R C U L A R

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Date: 13th January 2022

To: All Tourist Facilities

Subject: **Revised guidelines on Quarantine/Isolation duration**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference is made to the **Announcement Number (IUL) 23-L/452/2022/1** published on the Government of Maldives Gazette by the Health Protection Agency (HPA) on **13th January 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, it has been decided to revise the Quarantine/Isolation period as below, effective **13th January 2022**;

1) Isolation period for those identified as a positive case of Covid-19

- 1.1 Individual(s) who **test positive and asymptomatic** are required to be in Isolation for a period of **07 (seven) days** from the date of sample collection. However, those who exhibit covid symptoms at the end of isolation period specified are required to continue their isolation until 24 hours after symptoms have cleared.
- 1.2 However, the isolation period specified in 1.1 will come to an end upon submission of a **Negative Antigen Test** done at the end of **SEVENTH DAY** of Isolation from the date of sample collection for those individuals working in any form of Healthcare Facility, Daycare Centers, Educational Institute or Residential Care facilities. The said antigen test shall be done through an approved service provider and as per the set guidelines by Ministry of Health.
- 1.3 All tourist facility must ensure that the current practice of assessment by a doctor at the end of specified isolation period and it is recorded on the Release Summary Form. The said form must be filled and submitted to recovery@health.gov.mv.

The above shall be applicable even if the individual(s) have not completed the prescribed dose(s) of a Covid-19 vaccine.

2) Quarantine duration for those identified as direct contacts

- 2.1 Individual(s) who are identified as a direct contact of a positive case and who have completed the prescribed dose(s) of a Covid-19 vaccine will have to undergo quarantine



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for a period of **10 (ten) days** from the date of sample collection and can be released without a PCR test if the individual(s) do not exhibit any symptoms of Covid-19 at the end of the 10-day period.

2.2 However, the quarantine period specified in 2.1 will come to an end upon submission of a negative PCR test done at the end of **FIFTH DAY** of quarantine from the date the individual(s) were identified as a direct contact and quarantined.

2.3 The ease mentioned in 2.1 and 2.2 is strictly applicable for those direct contacts who are quarantined separately.

2.4 However, if children under 12 years of age or an individual who is not eligible for vaccination of a Covid-19 vaccine are placed under quarantine with a vaccinated individual who may avail the ease mentioned in **2.2**, they may submit a special request for the release of the said child/individual (with an ID/Passport copy) via email as follows:

To: ct.team1@health.gov.mv

Cc: smu@tourism.gov.mv

2.5 Individual(s) who are identified as a direct contact of a positive case and who have not completed the prescribed dose(s) of a Covid-19 vaccine shall complete 14 (fourteen) days of quarantine followed by a negative PCR test result at the end of this quarantine period.

Please note that the eases mentioned under **2.1 and 2.2** of this circular can **ONLY** be exercised for those individual(s) who have completed the prescribed doses of a Covid-19 vaccine approved by the World Health Organization (WHO) Emergency Use Listing (EUL) or the Maldives Food & Drug Authority and at least 14 (fourteen) days have passed after the administration of these prescribed dose(s).

Additionally, those individual(s) who are currently observing their mandatory Quarantine and Isolation can avail the eases above upon fulfillment of the conditions stated.

For any assistance in this regard, please contact our Situation Monitoring Unit (SMU) on (+960) 9423131 or email us at smu@tourism.gov.mv.

Yours sincerely,

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