



MINISTRY OF TOURISM  
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

## C I R C U L A R

**Ref Number: 88-PS/CIR/2020/63**

**Date:** 08<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**To:** All Tourist Establishments

**Subject: Update on Negative PCR test for Covid-19 requirement on arrival**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference is made to our circular dated 01st September 2020 (Ref: 88-PS/CIR/2020/59) regarding the requirement of negative PCR result for tourist arriving to the Maldives effective 10th September 2020.

To ensure the safety of all, the Health Protection Agency (HPA) has made it a mandatory requirement for all tourists to present a Negative result for a nucleic acid test (PCR test) for Covid-19 on arrival effective 10th September 2020. The sample for the said test must be taken not more than 72 hours prior to the scheduled time of departure from the first port of embarkation en route to Maldives. However, please be informed that infants aged less than one year old are exempted from the aforementioned testing requirement.

We thank you all for your continued support & cooperation during this challenging time and advise all tourist facilities to adhere to the procedures and guidelines by HPA and the Ministry.

For any further queries please contact our hotline at 7223131 or reach out to us via e-mail at [smu@tourism.gov.mv](mailto:smu@tourism.gov.mv)

Sincerely,

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