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Date: 11 March 2020; 0900 hrs

Latest updates regarding COVID-19

Travel

- All passengers and crew with travel history to the following countries or regions within the last 14 days will not be allowed to enter or transit through the Maldives effective from the stated dates;
 - Mainland China, effective 4 February 2020
 - Iran, effective 26 February 2020
 - Republic of Korea (Daegu, Busan, Gyeongbuk and Gyeongnam), effective 3 March 2020
 - Italy, effective 8 March 2020
 - Bangladesh, effective from 10 – 24 March 2020
- The citizens of these countries residing or living in another country, or has been out of the country for more than 14 days does not fall to this category.
- Maldivians travelling from the aforementioned affected areas will be allowed to enter the country, but will be subject to 14 days quarantine, upon arrival in the Maldives.

Updates on positive cases

Kuredu Island Resort

- On 7 March 2020, two foreign nationals working in Kuredu Island Resort and Spa tested positive for COVID-19 and have been isolated. This was following an Italian tourist testing positive for COVID-19 after returning to their home country having spent their holiday in the Resort. The Resort is placed under temporary restrictive measures and contact tracing is being carried out on individuals who have come into contact with those who tested positive.
- The Italian tourist had spent 2 days in Male' City before departing the country. The tourist stayed at Maagiri Hotel and visited the Universal Enterprises Ticketing Office. As such, of the 14 individuals who came into contact with the tourist while in Malé, 13 have been placed under self-quarantine, and one individual has been transported to *Farukolhufushi* for isolation.
- On 9 March 2020, two additional foreign nationals in Kuredu Island Resort tested positive for COVID-19.

Surveillance Summary

Confirmed Cases	8
Farukolhu Quarantine	0
Villivaru Quarantine	9
Farukolhu Isolation	15

Public Health Risk Alert Levels

National

Level II	YELLOW
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Kuredu Island Resort & Spa

Level III	ORANGE
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Temporary Restrictive Measures

Lhaviyani Atoll, Kuredu Island Resort & Spa
North Ari Atoll, Sandies Bathala Island
South Ari Atoll, Vilamendoo Island Resort
North Ari Atoll, Kuramathi Island Resort
Kaafu Atoll, One & Only Reethirah Resort

Male' City

- On 10 March 2020, eight foreign nationals from Maagiri Hotel were taken to Villivaru isolation facility for further monitoring.
- On 10 March 2020, the test results of a staff from the Universal Enterprises Ticketing Office came back as negative.
- On 10 March 2020, Maagiri Hotel temporarily ceased operations. The hotel will resume full operations on Monday, 16 March 2020, after a total disinfection of the property.

Sh. Foakaidhoo

- On 9 March 2020, a Maldivian national working at Kuredu Island Resort, who had travelled to Sh. Foakaidhoo, suspected of having been infected by COVID-19 was placed under isolation at *Farukolhufushi*.
- On 10 March 2020, the test results of the Maldivian national from Sh. Foakaidhoo came back as negative.

Sandies Bathala Island Resort

- On 9 March 2020, two foreign nationals from Sandies Bathala Island Resort tested positive for COVID-19. Therefore, Sandies Bathala Island Resort is placed under temporary restrictive measures, along with contact tracing.
- On 10 March 2020, two additional foreign nationals from Sandies Bathala Island Resort who exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 were placed under isolation for further monitoring and testing. The individuals had come into close contact with the two foreign nationals that tested positive for COVID-19.
- On 10 March 2020, the two foreign nationals that tested positive for COVID-19 were in the process of being transferred to Dharumavantha Hospital in Male' City for closer observation.

One and Only Reethi Rah

- On 10 March 2020, one foreign national from One and Only Reethi Rah was placed under quarantine for monitoring and testing. Hence, temporary restrictive measures and contact tracing have been initiated on the island.
- On 11 March 2020, the test results of the foreign national from One and Only Reethi Rah came back as negative. As a result, the resort has returned to normal status.

Kuramathi Island Resort

- On 10 March 2020, a foreign national in Kuramathi Island Resort who exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 was placed under isolation for further monitoring and testing.
- On 11 March 2020, samples taken from two foreign nationals from Kuramathi Island Resort tested positive for COVID-19. Hence, temporary restrictive measures and contact tracing have been initiated on the island.
- On 10 March 2020, a Maldivian national who came into contact with the individual who exhibited symptoms in Kuramathi Island Resort has been placed under quarantine for monitoring and testing.

Vilamendhoo Island Resort and Spa

- On 10 March 2020, a Maldivian national working in Vilamendhoo Island Resort who exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 was placed under isolation for further monitoring and testing. Hence, temporary restrictive measures and contact tracing have been initiated on the island.
- On 11 March 2020, the test results of the Maldivian national working in Vilamendhoo Island Resort and Spa came back as negative. As a result, the resort has returned to normal status.

General Information

- Information regarding any foreign national who may be quarantined or has tested positive for COVID-19 will be communicated to the person's respective diplomatic mission by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

For more information

Latest updates on COVID-19 in Maldives:

<https://covid19.health.gov.mv/>

COVID-19 SOPs:

<https://covid19.health.gov.mv/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/COVID-19-QR-SOPs-v5-04032020.pdf>

24-hour toll-free hotline – **1676**

For reference

“Isolation” is referred to when individuals exhibit symptoms

“Quarantine” is referred to when individuals do not exhibit symptoms but have been in contact with a known confirmed case

“Temporary Restrictive Measures” refers to when entering and departing the designated location is suspended until further notice

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