



**MALDIVES CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY**  
**Republic of Maldives**

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**AIR TRANSPORT CIRCULAR**  
**AT 14/2020 - Issue 26**

**PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST NOVEL CORONAVIRUS**  
**(COVID-19)**

14<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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**1.0 Introduction**

As part of the planned activities outlined by the Government of the Maldives to ease the travel restrictions, all international airports in the Maldives were opened for international travel from 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 with precautionary measures against the spread of COVID-19, which are being reviewed from time to time. The state of Public Health Emergency for the COVID-19 Pandemic announced on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 has been revoked on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

**2.0 Purpose**

2.1 The purpose of this Circular is to advise the airlines, aircraft operators and the relevant airport authorities on the latest health measures taken by the Government of the Maldives relating to the entry of passengers and crew.

**3.0 Requirements**

**3.1.0 Inflight**

3.1.1 The following announcement should be made inflight: -

The following are the health measures requested by the Health Protection Agency (HPA) of Maldives:

“Passengers are recommended to wear mask if you have any of the following COVID-19 symptoms:

- Fever,
- Cough,
- Sore throat,
- Runny nose,
- Breathing difficulty,

please stay in your seat and inform the cabin crew.

If you develop any of the symptoms upon arrival, please inform the Immigration desk or the Border Health desk.”

**3.2.0 On Arrival**

3.2.1 Tourists travelling to the Maldives will be provided visa on arrival. Tourists must have a hotel reservation confirmation for the entire stay in a registered tourist facility.

3.2.2 Expatriates travelling to the Maldives shall hold a valid visa issued by Maldives Immigration.

3.2.3 All Passengers and airline crew travelling to the Maldives are no longer required to hold COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate and/or a negative PCR test result upon arrival to the Maldives.



- 3.2.4 All arriving passengers and airline crew should complete and submit the online Traveller Health Declaration form available from Maldives Immigration website portal <https://imuga.immigration.gov.mv/> at most 48 (forty-eight) hours before their arrival to the Maldives.
- 3.2.5 All arriving passengers and airline crew should report to the Immigration counter if they have fever, runny nose, cough, sore throat or breathing difficulties or report directly to the International Border Health counter.
- 3.2.6 The previous requirement of mandatory quarantine of 14 (fourteen) days for arrival passengers who have not received the prescribed dose(s) of a COVID-19 vaccine has now been removed.
- 3.2.7 The operating airline shall assist and cooperate with the International Border Health Officials in carrying out contact tracing and aircraft disinfection when required, in accordance with the applicable HPA's regulations and guidelines.
- 3.2.8 It is the responsibility of the Operating Airline to ensure that their passengers are following the entry requirements prior to boarding.
- 3.2.9 HPA will hold the operating airline and passengers liable for violations of its guidelines and may take appropriate legal and administrative actions corresponding to the extent of such violations.

### 3.3.0 On Departure

- 3.3.1 It is the responsibility of the passenger and airline crew to attain the health requirements for the country of destination. If it is a requirement of the country of destination, then passengers and crew must carry Covid-19 Vaccination Certificate or COVID-19 negative PCR Test results with them when arriving at the airport check-in counter.
- 3.3.2 All departing passengers and airline crew must report to the nearest health care provider or report to COVID-19 hotline number 1676 if they develop any of the following symptoms, within 24 (twenty-four) hours of their departure time;
- Fever, sore throat, runny nose, cough, or breathing difficulties
  - They must verify with the COVID-19 hotline if they need to cancel their current booking
- 3.3.3 All departing passengers and airline crew must complete the online Traveller Health Declaration form for departure. The Health Declaration form for departure must be submitted at most 48 (forty eight) hours before the time of departure. The online Traveller Health Declaration form is available from Maldives Immigration website portal <https://imuga.immigration.gov.mv/>

### 4.0 Applicability

- 4.1 The requirement in this Circular applies to all international airlines, aircraft operators operating to and from the Maldives, passengers arriving to and departing from Maldives by air and to the relevant airport authorities in the Maldives.

### 5.0 Effectivity

- 5.1 This Circular will come into effect from 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and will supersede Circular AT 14/2020 – Issue 25 dated 04<sup>th</sup> March 2022.



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