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Updates on COVID-19

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Surveillance Details of COVID-19

Confirmed Cases	4
Farukolhufushi Quarantined	2
Farukolhu Isolation Facility	8

Alert Levels	National: Yellow	Kuredu: Orange Under temporary restrictive measures: Sandies Bathala
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Recent Updates

Date	Update
9 March 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samples of two foreign nationals staying in Bathala island was tested positive for COVID-19. • Government of Maldives has decided to temporarily restrict entry of passengers originating from and transiting through Bangladesh effective from 00:00hrs on 10 March 2020.
8 March 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Italian national, who developed COVID-19 like symptoms while on holiday in Sandies Bathala island in North Ari Atoll is undergoing monitoring and testing. Temporary restrictive measures have been initiated in the resort until contact tracing is completed. • Since the test result of two foreign nationals was negative for COVID-19. Temporary restrictive measures placed on Summer Island Resort lifted Summer have been released for the resort.

Important Definitions

- **Confirmed Cases:** Lab results positive for COVID-19
- **Suspected Cases:** A. patient with any acute respiratory illnesses (fever* and at least one sign/symptoms of respiratory disease (e.g. cough, shortness of breath)

AND

No other etiology that fully explains that fully explains the clinical presentation

AND

A history of travel to or residence in a country /area or territory reporting local transmission of COVID-19 disease during the 14 days prior to symptom onset

OR

B. Patient with any respiratory illness

AND

having been in contact with a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case in the last 14 days prior to symptom onset

OR

C. Patient with **SARI**

AND

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SARI is defined as an acute respiratory infection (ARI) with history of fever* or measured temperature $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ and cough; with onset within last 14 days and requiring admission to hospital.

*Absence of fever does NOT exclude viral infection

- **Close contact:**
 - Healthcare associated exposure; including providing direct care for COVID-19 patients, working with health care workers infected with COVID-19 cases, visiting patients or staying in the same close environment as a COVID-19 patient.
 - Working together in close proximity or sharing the same classroom environment with a COVID-19 patient
 - Traveling together with a COVID-19 patient in any kind of conveyance
 - Living in the same household as a COVID-19 patient
 - Spending more than 15 minutes within 3 ft of a COVID-19 case or spending more than 2 hours in an enclosed environment with a COVID-19 case

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- **Under Quarantine:** Irrespective of showing symptoms, locals with a travel history from countries with sustained local transmission and traveling from countries where restrictions have been placed by the government will be kept in quarantine for a period of 14 days.
- **Contacts under monitoring:** Close contacts of confirmed or suspected cases who have been advised to stay in isolation for 14 days from last contact, and who will be monitored for symptoms.

Public Health Alert Levels

Colour: (risk level)	Status
White: (level I)	No case identified
Yellow: (level II)	Imported case with no local human to human transmission (suspected or confirmed)
Orange: (level III)	Human to human transmission directly linked to imported case (suspected or confirmed case)
Red: (level IV)	Confirmed human to human transmission with no direct link to imported case

Levels will determine the levels of actions and public movement restrictions:

Yellow: screening people exiting & entering island, enhanced surveillance, contact tracing, isolation of cases & quarantining of close contacts, home isolation, additional stock piling of medical supplies at the atoll level, public awareness, psycho-social support to families.

Orange: Hospitals will stop non-emergency surgeries, schools closed in affected areas, cafes, restaurants closed, limit non-essential public gatherings, pre-arranged medical consultations.