

Updates on COVID-19

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Surveillance Details of COVID-19

New Cases (Last 24 hours)	1
Confirmed Cases	9
Farukolhu Isolation Facility	9
Villivaru Quarantine	17

Alert Levels	National: Yellow	Kuredu: Orange
		Under temporary restrictive measures: -

Recent Updates

Date	Update
13 March 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sample taken from a foreign national from Ananthara Dhigu has tested POSITIVE for COVID19. We have identified 11 individuals through contact tracing for isolation and have set monitoring mechanisms in place. We will provide further updates. • Samples are being taken as a precautionary measure, from a foreign national in Anantara Dhigu Maldives Resort who developed COVID19-like symptoms. The individual has been placed under home-isolation for monitoring. • As a precautionary measure, two foreign nationals in Six Senses Laamu have been placed under home-isolation and monitoring, after they informed that they had come into contact with a positive COVID19 patient before they arrived in the Maldives. • Samples have been taken as a precautionary measure from a Maldivian, who came in “close contact” with a confirmed case of COVID19 from Kuramathi Island Resort. The individual is now in home-isolation.
12 March 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In relation to COVID-19, by the discretionary powers vested in the Minister of Health by the Section 33 of the 7/2012 Public Health Act the Minister has declared a State of Public Health Emergency for a period of 30 days from 12th March 2020. Although this state of emergency imposes possible restrictive measures to strengthen containment of the disease, currently this situation poses no restrictions for tourists to enter the country. However, this excludes the countries on whom the government of Maldives has announced temporary suspension of travelers. These countries include China, Iran, specific areas of South Korea, Italy and Bangladesh. As a measure to contain disease outbreak, currently, all excursions are to be halted until further notice. • Samples are being taken from 10 individuals Isolated in Kuredu Island Resort due to developing COVID19 like symptoms.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samples are being taken as a precautionary measure, from a foreign national in OBLU-Sangeli Resort who developed COVID19 like symptoms. Monitoring mechanisms are in place till further notice • One Maldivian and two foreign nationals quarantined at Villivaru Quarantine Facility (VQF) is being transferred to be isolated at home after been tested NEGATIVE • Sample taken from the Maldivian national who returned from Malaysia has been tested NEGATIVE • Three Maldivians quarantined at Villivaru Quarantine Facility (VQF) are being transferred home for self-isolation. • As part of HPA's efforts to spread more awareness regarding COVID19 Ooredoo Maldives customers will now hear an awareness message instead of their usual ring back tone. • As a precautionary measure samples are being taken from a foreign national in Iruveli Resort who has displayed #COVID19 like symptoms. Monitoring mechanisms are in place till samples are tested. • Samples taken from a Maldivian individual have been tested as NEGATIVE and have been transferred back home from Farukolhu isolation facility. • Samples are being taken as a precautionary measure, from a foreign national in Sun Aqua Iru Veli Resort who developed COVID19 like symptoms. Monitoring mechanisms are in place till further notice • A Maldivian national who stayed in the same building as an individual positive for COVID19 has recently returned from Malaysia. Since returning from Malaysia, & upon displaying COVID19 like symptoms, the Maldivian is now being transferred to Farukolhu for monitoring & testing.
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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

no other etiology that fully explains the clinical presentation

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.