

2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Emergency Readiness/ Response

Country: MALDIVES

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Cases reporting

- 81,112 confirmed cases; 894 new cases reported within the week; 1,730 active cases in the country (938 locals and 792 foreigners).
- ONE new death was reported during the week and mortality rate currently at 0.28% with 226 deaths.
- 849 new recoveries were reported during the week, total 79,143 persons that is 98% have recovered.
- 4,124 samples tested in the last 24hours – 152 new cases reported. Sample positivity rate is at 3% overall.
- 22 persons are hospitalized with moderate to severe disease, with 03 persons in critical care.
- Outside of the GMR in the atolls, as of 31st August, there are 970 active cases (911 locals and 59 foreigners) across 47 inhabited islands outside GMR.
- The number of islands affected has increased since last week reporting small sporadic clusters of 1-2 cases in some islands. There are currently 26 islands under monitoring status.
- The highest number reported in the atolls is from Raa Atoll Dhuvaafaru island, with 154 active cases. The island has been under monitoring for over 8 weeks.
- In Alif Alif atoll island of Himandhoo, with over 100 recoveries, currently reports only 50 active cases.
- In the south, in Gnaviyani Atoll island of Fuvah Mulak City, the active case numbers have reduced to 141.
- In Addu City, the numbers continue to increase, with cases reported in 7 islands across the atoll – 53 in Hithadhoo island, 106 in Maradhoo island, 24 in MaradhooFeydhoo island, 22 in Feydhoo island and 1 case each in Gan and Hulhudhoo islands. The city has been placed under monitoring status once again, with schools closed and online classes started for some grades.

Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- The Maldives total vaccinated coverage now stands at 70.18% for first dose and 55.30% as second dose as of TOTAL population (545,847).
- Ministry of Education has revealed over 30,000 students eligible for vaccination have been administered the COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer) under the new vaccination program launched for children aged 12-17, in August 2021.
- H.E Minister of Health has once again extended the State of Public Health emergency in the country for the 18th time, until 1st October 2021.
- Health Protection Agency (HPA) has added new categories to the groups eligible for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to include immunocompromised persons, pregnant women, individuals who suffered side effects from Covishield and Sinopharm vaccines, and students studying in countries that only accept the Pfizer vaccine.
- Maldives Transport Authority has announced that public transport services will not be allowed for individuals who have not completed their vaccination, starting from 1st September 2021.
- The Ministry of Tourism has announced that Covid-19 positivity rate among tourists in Maldives has dropped to 0.09 percent, between August 1 – 25 2021; while tourist arrivals has increased 91.2% compared to 2020.

- As of 19 August 2021, total spending towards COVID-19 health and social efforts stood at MVR 2,069.8 million; a 1.0% increase from the week before. In this review period, 34.2% of total health and social spending was committed-spending.

WCO activities

- Active participation in the daily National Vaccine Steering Group and Operations Group meetings.
- Leading the UN Health and Wash group and UN Crisis Management Team.
- Continuing technical support to develop National guidelines on Breast Cancer screening.
- Supporting the stakeholder meeting to finalize the National Pandemic Preparedness Plan.
- Providing support in development of National Occupational Safety and Health Policy.

WHO support provided to Member State

- Continued support to Ministry of Health and HEOC to repair and maintain ambulances.
- Facilitated sending of COVID-19 samples for 6th round of genomic sequencing.
- Health Care Waste Management field assessments conducted in 7 selected islands from HA and HDh atolls.
- International consultancy for developing NHA estimates for 2018-2020 (stakeholder consultations completed and data received from some stakeholders)