

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

Country: MALDIVES

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Cases reporting

- 74,585 confirmed cases; 3,148 active cases in the country; 1,724 active in the Greater Male' region.
- 03 deaths were reported during the week and mortality rate 0.29% with 213 deaths. 1,589 new recoveries were reported during the week, total 71,212 persons that is 95% have recovered.
- Over 1,050,959 samples have been tested; 4,200 samples tested in the last 24hours – 105 new cases (92 locals and 13 foreigners).
- Sample positivity rate has been maintained at 3% for last 6 days. For GMR, sample positivity is 2% and for atolls, 5%.
- 10 people are hospitalized with moderate to severe disease, with only 01 person in critical care receiving ventilator care.
- Cases in atolls have reduced, with currently 1,174 active cases across 60 inhabited islands outside GMR. 30 islands are currently under monitoring status.
- There are 3 huge clusters outside of the GMR, Gaaf Dhaalu Thinadhoo island with 263 active cases; Raa Atoll Dhuvaaafaru island with 144 active cases; and Alif Alifu Thoddoo island with 195 active cases.
- An emerging cluster reported from the North of the country, in Haa Dhaalu Dhidhdhoo island with 97 active cases, and single digit cases as contacts reported from 6 nearby islands.
- In resorts, there are 250 active cases across 69 resorts, cases more among staff than tourists for the week (51% and 49%)

Developments/ activities carried out by Member State

- The Maldives overall vaccine coverage now stands at 55.87% for first dose and 35.15% as second dose as of TOTAL population.
- Maldives has resumed COVIDSHIELD second dose vaccination since 4th of July 2021 upon receiving a small stock from a donor – after a 2-month hiatus due to interruption of supply.
- State of Public Health Emergency in the Maldives has been extended till 2nd August 2021.
- The office of the president announced government offices will reopen from 4th of July 2021. Schools are to remain closed until further notice and conduct classes via online.
- Active Surveillance in Male' has been strengthened with daily 400-500 samples collected, positivity despite this remains at 1%.
- According to the latest statistics publicized by the Ministry of Tourism, 0.24 percent of tourists who had visited Maldives between January 1 – June 23 2021 had tested positive for Covid-19.
- As of 24 June 2021, total spending towards COVID-19 health and social efforts stood at MVR 1,789.6 million; a 0.1% increase from the week before. In this review period, 41.1 % 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 - DHIS2 Information session for UN staff provided.
- Shared WCO inputs to MFDA EUL process for different vaccines.

- IPC Measures: ongoing efforts to monitor the vaccination sites for IPC related support.
- Providing WHO guidance and documents on handling and embalming of dead bodies in context of COVID-19, including export of such remains.
- Sharing of new WHO guidelines on risk based travel guidelines and PHSM.

WHO support provided to Member State

- Handed over essential items for COVID-19 response by the WR to H.E Minister of health, items including motorcycles for the RRTs, GeneXpert cartridges, essential medicines and cold chain equipment.
- Meeting on Ethics and Governance of Artificial Intelligence for Health
- Regional meeting on strengthening health information systems to support evidence based decision making and participation in OECD Annual Meeting on Health Accounts