



REPUBLIC OF MARSHALL ISLANDS
2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
UPDATED INTERIM HEALTH TRAVEL ADVISORY & RESTRICTIONS
ISSUANCE 15: As of 3 July 2020

(Subject to regular review, as required)

On 30 January 2020, World Health Organization declared the current novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). The virus was first detected in Wuhan city, Hubei Province, PRC, and subsequently cases of COVID-19 have been detected in **213 countries and territories**.

The new virus is a coronavirus, which is a family of viruses that include the common cold, and viruses that cause severe respiratory infections. The virus can be transmitted from person to person, similar to other influenza viruses.

In response to the declaration of PHEIC, the Republic of Marshall Islands' (RMI) former COVID-19 travel advisories and restrictions (**Issuance 1:** 24 January 2020, **Issuance 2:** 31 January 2020 and **Proclamation declaring State of Emergency** dated 7 February 2020, **Issuance 3:** 13 February 2020, **Issuance 4:** 26 February 2020, **Issuance 5:** 25 February 2020, **Issuance 6:** 3 March 2020, **Issuance 7:** 5 March 2020, **Issuance 8:** 7 March 2020, **Issuance 9:** 8 March 2020, **Issuance 10:** 17 March 2020, **Issuance 11:** 2 April 2020, **Issuance 12:** 30 April 2020, **Issuance 13:** 7 May 2020, **Issuance 14:** 2 June 2020) have been reviewed and updated as of **3 July 2020 (Issuance 15)** with the following interim inbound and outbound travel restrictions for all visitors to RMI. **Because COVID-19 is a national threat these requirements will come into effect immediately.**

- An extension of the **total suspension of international travelers coming into the RMI** via air travel **until 5 August 2020**. All aircraft that need to land in the RMI for refueling purposes must adhere to the National Disaster Committee approved Amata Kabua International Airport Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). Periodic spot checks will be conducted on airport ground crew handling aircraft in the RMI. Ground crew not adhering to the strict no human-to-human contact protocols will be subject to an immediate **minimum** 14-day quarantine.
- Suspension of all domestic passenger air travel **between Kwajalein and Majuro** on international airlines. Air travel between Kwajalein and Majuro on Air Marshalls is still permitted, unless the condition level changes to level 3 or lower in either location, then all travel is suspended.
- At the discretion of NDC, **any persons entering the RMI without official clearance shall either be removed or placed immediately under quarantine** in a secure RMI Government approved facility and submit to all testing at the direction and discretion of RMI medical personnel **no less than 21 days from arrival**.
- **All cruise ships including liveboard vessels, and yachts** at this time are suspended from visiting the RMI until further notice.

- Any failure to comply with the terms set forth in this Travel Advisory #14 shall be subject to the Emergency Order on Fines and Penalties (schedules of fines attached).

These are interim travel restrictions, which have been introduced by the Government of the RMI as part of current health emergency preparedness measures for COVID-19. These restrictions will be reviewed and updated as needed and communicated to the public.



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