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Dear Chairperson,

Re: Tourism Pilot Project

Please find enclosed the Health guidelines to be followed for the Tourism Pilot Project from 27th December 2020 to 19th January 2021.

Thank you for your continued support to restart Tourism.

Yours sincerely

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To: Chairperson Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority

Re: Health Guidelines for Tourism Pilot Project

	Description	Responsibility	Guideline
1. International Arrivals	Pilot Project from 27 th December 2020 to 19 th January 2021	Immigration/ CAA/AASL/SLTDA/ MoH (All stakeholders)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tourist to arrive through Charter Flights, Scheduled Flights or Private Jets to Katunayake and Mattala Airports. 2. Arrival of tourists would be limited to a maximum of 300 passengers per day in total. Civil Aviation Authority to ensure the daily arrivals is not exceeded. 3. Dual Citizens or any paid commercial passengers with foreign passport could follow the tourist route under the same guideline. 4. Special arrangements for Crew to be agreed in advance with the Civil Aviation and Airport Aviation Authority. 5. These guidelines exclude Business Visas
2. Visa	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All Countries permitted 2. In addition to Visa Fees, through the Tourism App cost for two PCR tests and COVID Insurance to be levied 3. Prepaid hotel booking for 7 days 	Immigration/ SLTDA/ Hotel/ Travel Agent	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visa should be processed online 2. Mandatory to pay for two PCR tests and COVID-19 Insurance through the Tourism Mobile App or at the time of the hotel booking or airline ticket purchase 3. Details of the international traveler should be sent to the area Medical Officer of Health when issuing visa 4. Mandatory Minimum stay 7 days (specific prior approval required from Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority for stay below 7 days)
3. Prior to Boarding	Health declaration	Airport Aviation Authority	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To be filled and submitted prior to boarding flight, on flight or on arrival

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4. On Arrival	PCR test on arrival at Hotel	Hotel	1. PCR test to be done prior to checking in at the hotel the tourist has already made a pre-paid booking. To be conducted by a Private Sector Hospital arranged by the Hotel, carried out by a Laboratory approved by the Health Ministry
5. Minimum Stay in Hotel	Minimum days in Certified Safe and Secure hotel or hotel approved by the COVID Taskforce	Hotel	1. Minimum 7 days in a Safe & Secure Certified hotels or hotel approved by COVID Taskforce 2. Tourists are not permitted to move outside the hotel, except to identified sites approved by the COVID Taskforce; under a bio security bubble after the on-arrival PCR test result is negative 3. Hotels to ensure effective access control measures in place in and around the hotel
6. PCR Testing	Minimum number of PCR tests to be done	Hotel	Two PCR tests mandatory after arrival 1. PCR test to be conducted before checking in at the Hotel already prepaid and booked by the traveler. Arranged by the hotel with a private sector laboratory approved by the Ministry of Health. 2. PCR test conducted 5-7 days after arrival at the hotel arranged by the hotel with a private sector laboratory approved by the Ministry of Health 3. In the even the tourist is staying longer an additional PCR test to be conducted between 10-14 day of arrival as decided by the Medical Officer of Health
7. Transport	1. Hotelier or Travel Agent to arrange independent transport for each group of tourists 2. Vehicle number, drivers, guide details to be provided	Hotel/Travel Agent Hotel/Travel Agent	1. No mixing of groups during transportation 2. Hotel or the Travel Agent should have an advanced transport plan. 1. Maintain a transport log with passenger details. 2. Inform National Operations Center for Control of COVID-19 for contact tracing and to area MOH

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8. Hotel Booking	First 7 days only in Certified Safe & Secure hotels or hotels approved by the COVID Taskforce	Hotel	1. Hotel Certified as Safe and Secure hotel or hotel approved by COVID Taskforce to be permitted to take bookings for the first 7 days
	Mandatory prepaid hotel booking	Travel Agent/Hotel	1. Pre-paid hotel booking is mandatory for 7-days
	Maximum Room Occupancy	Hotel	1. Maximum capacity of 75%. Rest to be reserved for isolation purposes if necessity arose for isolation of non-symptomatic COVID-19 positive guests
	Hotel bookings from multiple flights	Hotel	1. Hotels should take all possible measures to minimize mixing of groups arriving from different flights, until 5-7 day PCR results are available 2. Booking from multiple flights permitted 3. Hotels should have a room allocation plan in place 4. Reservation details should be informed to the area Medical Officer of Health prior to guests' arrival
	Hotel to ensure beach is secure and there is no possibility of any interaction with the public for the first 7 days	Hotel/Travel Agent	1. Effective access control must be in place with the support of the Authorities in and around the hotel. Until 14 days no interaction with the local community. Use of Public Transport even after 14 days is discouraged.
	Symptom surveillance of guests and staff		2. Ensure adherence to Health Guidelines 3. Hotel must make arrangements with a Doctor to monitor the health of guests and staff.
	Reporting of symptom surveillance		4. Hotels to report daily to Ministry of Health and COVID Taskforce.
	Use of common area, spa and pool	Hotel	Permitted subject to adhering to general health guidelines including social distancing.
	Entertaining Domestic guests	Hotel	1. Domestic guests should not be accommodated within the first seven days period 2. No functions involving local guests allowed

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9. Non symptomatic Covid-19 PCR positive persons	Hotel Quarantine as determined by Ministry of Health Medical Officer of Health of the area should be informed	Hotel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hotel quarantine in the isolation area in the same hotel under strict supervision of the hotel doctor and local health authorities. 2. Where isolation is not feasible (e.g., a large group positive for COVID-19 infection) alternative designated isolation hotel to be identified in advance. 3. Staff and other contacts should be managed according to the guidelines already in force under the guidance of the area Medical Officer of Health
10. Symptomatic Covid-19 PCR positive patients		SLTDA/Hotel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Admitted to hospital cleared by the Ministry of Health 2. Medical Officer of Health of the area should be informed. 3. COVID-19 Insurance to reimburse hospitals. 4. Staff and other contacts should be managed according to the guidelines already in force under the guidance of the area Medical Officer of Health
11. Treatment for other conditions during mandatory quarantine period	Treatment for conditions other than COVID-19 that need hospitalization Medical Officer of Health of the area should be informed	SLTDA/Hotel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hospital list consented to treat such conditions should be submitted for approval to the Ministry of Health with documentary proof of such consent. 2. All such hospitals should be approved by the Ministry of Health prior to admitting patients. 3. Cost of treatment should be covered through the tourist personal medical insurance.

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12. Staff Management	Managing staff to reduce the risk of infection and leaking into the community through staff	Hotel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All staff interacting with guests in any form will not be allowed to go out of the hotel staff accommodation for 14 days thereafter. 2. They should be screened for COVID-19 at regular intervals as per the existing Occupational Health Guidelines published by the Ministry of Health 3. All staff should be subjected to proper risk assessment under the guidance of the of the area Medical Officer of Health and appropriate interventions should be instituted if a guest tested positive for COVID-19.



Hon. Minister Prasanna Ranatunga

Minister of Tourism

27th December 2020