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**REPUBLIC OF MARSHALL ISLANDS  
2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS - HEALTH TRAVEL ADVISORY & RESTRICTIONS**

**ISSUANCE 1: As of 24 January 2020**

*(Subject to regular review, as required)*

Currently the People's Republic of China (PRC) is responding to a newly identified virus causing a flu-like illness, temporarily named by the World Health Organization as novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV). The virus was first detected in Wuhan city, Hubei Province, PRC, and subsequently cases of 2019-nCoV have been identified in travelers in several other countries.

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

In response to this international disease threat, the Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI) is implementing the following inbound travel restrictions for visitors to RMI. **These requirements will come into force effective immediately, 24 January 2020.**

- **All travelling passengers must complete a Special Health Screening Form** to assess potential signs and symptoms and exposure to 2019-nCoV, before or on arrival to RMI.
- As of 24 January 2020, any traveler with travel originating from or transiting through the PRC must spend at least 14 days **in a country not affected by 2019-nCoV (corresponding to the list below)**. In the event a traveler arrives in RMI within the 14 day period, entry will be denied. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

It is strongly recommended that all persons intending to travel to **PRC or other affected countries** postpone their travel arrangements. In the event that travel cannot be postponed, preventive measures (hand and cough hygiene) should be adhered to at all times and **incoming requirements above will be applied upon return to RMI.**

**The following list of 2019-nCoV affected countries is subject to rapid change based upon global situation and risk, as determined by Secretary of Health and Human Services by official notice.**

**2019-nCoV affected countries subject to RMI travel restriction:**

- **People's Republic of China**

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