**Covid-19 and Islands**

***Mauritius***

1. What actions are being taken to protect the island community from Covid 19? In particular, how are travel restrictions being put in place and enforced?

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| Respondent | Date | Response |
| Amandine de Rosnay  Dynamia  [amandine@dynamia.mu](mailto:amandine@dynamia.mu) | 23 March 2020 | * Started in January by banning flights from China * Early March, banning flights from EU. * Lock-down since Friday 20th March. All flights grounded. |
| Bhanooduth Lalljee  [vinodl2018@gmail.com](mailto:vinodl2018@gmail.com) | 19 April 2020 | * Country is locked down. Airport is closed. * Those positive to COVID-19 are quarantined |
| Romina Tello Soberanes  Mauritius Conscious Travel  [hello@mauritiusconscious.com](mailto:hello@mauritiusconscious.com) | April 2020 | * Total closure of borders as from 17th March 2020 * Air Mauritius shut-down of flights and operations until April 30th 2020 * Quarantine of minimum 14 days to all arrivals past 17th March (repatriated nationals). Major hotel groups have granted one of their properties each for quarantine purposes. |

1. What actions will be taken should people on the island have Covid 19?

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| Amandine de Rosnay  Dynamia  [amandine@dynamia.mu](mailto:amandine@dynamia.mu) | 23 March 2020 | * 3 state hospitals will only deal with Covid-19 |
| Romina Tello Soberanes  Mauritius Conscious Travel  [hello@mauritiusconscious.com](mailto:hello@mauritiusconscious.com) | 5 April 2020 | * Can call an emergency number to get remote advice by specialists. Must visit one of the Hospitals - Quarantine centers dedicated to treating COVID-19 - NOT every and any hospital is ready to treat this kind of patients |
| Bhanooduth Lalljee  [vinodl2018@gmail.com](mailto:vinodl2018@gmail.com) | 19 April 2020 | * Several quarantine centre inclusing hotels. * special hospital with ventilators and ICU for covid 19 active cases |

1. What actions are being taken to ensure that essential goods and services are provided to the island community?

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| Romina Tello Soberanes  Mauritius Conscious Travel  [hello@mauritiusconscious.com](mailto:hello@mauritiusconscious.com) | 5 April 2020 | Air cargo and shipping remain open |
| Bhanooduth Lalljee  [vinodl2018@gmail.com](mailto:vinodl2018@gmail.com) | 19 April 2020 | Super markets and other shops are opened from 9 to 5. Customers are allowed on specific days according to their initials. For the needy and poor, Food packets are being delivered free at their doorsteps |

1. What actions are being taken to ensure that people working on the islands, not only in the tourism sector, are sustained financially in the short term and in the long term?

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| Amandine de Rosnay  Dynamia  [amandine@dynamia.mu](mailto:amandine@dynamia.mu) | 23 March 2020 | * As of 22 March, a low interest loan has been organised by the central bank–- though that alone won’t be enough. |
| Romina Tello Soberanes  Mauritius Conscious Travel  [hello@mauritiusconscious.com](mailto:hello@mauritiusconscious.com) | 5 April 2020 | * Wage Assistance Scheme helping to pay salaries under MUR 50,000 / monthly for total amount of days in lockdown. Scheme limited to 5 employees per company. Amount per employee capped at 12,500 MUR / monthly. * Bank of Mauritius offering 9 billion financial scheme through commercial banks. SMEs can apply for a loan of MUR 500,000 to sustain working capital at an interest rate of 2.5% and a repayment period of 2 years, with 6 months moratorium. Problem remains for those companies and individuals without a security to obtain such loan. |
| Bhanooduth Lalljee  [vinodl2018@gmail.com](mailto:vinodl2018@gmail.com) | 19 April 2020 | * No payment on interest and capital on loans. * Government subsiding daily wage earners as per minimum salary. For the formal sector government is paying 50% of the salary during the lockdown period |

1. What actions are being taken to ensure the mental well-being of people on the islands?

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| Amandine de Rosnay  Dynamia  [amandine@dynamia.mu](mailto:amandine@dynamia.mu) | 23 March 2020 | * None from government. |
| Bhanooduth Lalljee  [vinodl2018@gmail.com](mailto:vinodl2018@gmail.com) | 19 April 2020 | * "Radio and Tv programmes. All channels are free" |

1. If you consider it appropriate, feel free to share any data about people who have Covid 19 on your island and of people who, sadly, have passed away because of Covid 19.

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| Amandine de Rosnay  Dynamia  [amandine@dynamia.mu](mailto:amandine@dynamia.mu) | 23 March 2020 | As of 22 March:   * around 20 cases * 1 death |
| Bhanooduth Lalljee  [vinodl2018@gmail.com](mailto:vinodl2018@gmail.com) | 19 April 2020 | Mauritius has been able to flatten the curve after 4 weeks of lock down and social distancing |

1. Is there anything else you want to share?

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|  | 26 March 2020 | There are reports that governments are allocating specific islands into quarantine facilities. For example, see [this report](https://travelnoire.com/maldives-luxury-coronavirus-quarantine-facility/?utm_source=Travel%20Noire&utm_campaign=666790e45f-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_03_26_06_06&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_4f544ad356-666790e45f-348155376) in relation to the Maldives. |

1. *Additional Resources*

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| Maldives, Mauritius and Seychelles | 26 March 2020 | There are reports that governments are allocating specific islands into quarantine facilities. For example, see [this report](https://travelnoire.com/maldives-luxury-coronavirus-quarantine-facility/?utm_source=Travel%20Noire&utm_campaign=666790e45f-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_03_26_06_06&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_4f544ad356-666790e45f-348155376) in relation to the Maldives. |

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