



## MAURITIUS REACHES VACCINATION TARGET

(Port Louis, 31 August 2021) – The Republic of Mauritius has reached its vaccination target of 60 percent of the total population, one month ahead of schedule.

This milestone comes ahead of two major steps to reduce restrictions on inbound international travel. Between now and end of September vaccinated travellers will be required to spend just seven days in a 'resort bubble' hotel instead of 14 days initially.

Reaching this milestone allows Mauritius to progress to the second phase of reopening on 1st October whilst maintaining the public health first approach that has guided its pandemic response from the start. From 1st October, restrictions on arrivals will be lifted completely as long as vaccinated travellers can provide a negative PCR test taken a maximum of 72 hours before arriving in Mauritius.

Unvaccinated travellers will still be subject to a mandatory in room stay for 14 days until 31st Dec 2021.

Nilen Vencadasmy, Chairman of MTPA, said: 'MTPA is delighted and deeply proud that Mauritius has reached its vaccination target ahead of schedule. This is a fantastic achievement by society and government.

'Mauritius' vaccination programme has been fundamental to allowing the country to reopen to international travel, to get tourism up and running again. This milestone means that we can proceed to the final stage of our border reopening, when we will remove all quarantine restrictions for vaccinated travellers, whilst continuing to put public health first – our guiding principle from the very start'.

Mauritius is on the cusp of its summer season. This is the perfect time of year to enjoy Mauritius' world-renowned beaches, as well as other outdoor activities including hiking, kite surfing and various other water sports.

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