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QUINTANA ROO TOURISM MINISTRY

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

"FACING THE HEALTH CRISIS IN MEXICO QUINTANA ROO STRENGTHENS PREVENTIVE MEASURES"

The Secretary of Tourism of Quintana Roo (Sedetur) reports that, based on data provided by the Ministry of Health has not filled any cases of swine influenza in the tourist destinations in Quintana Roo. Despite the increase in the alert phase from 4 to 5 issued by the World Health Organization (WHO).

The tourism industry has extreme health measures in all hotels, restaurants and shops of the tourist corridor of the Mexican Caribbean.

The tourism secretariat indicates that for the disposal of the Federal Ministry of Communications and Transportation, starting tomorrow Thursday April 30 will be provided to Cancun International Airport 50 infrared thermometers, which measure the temperature of all passengers entering and leaving the destination. This in order to strengthen the preventive measures implemented in the State. Airport authorities reported that these thermometers measure temperature without physical contact with the passenger and that these actions will allow the detection of the main symptoms of the virus.

Given the restrictions on travel to Mexico, issued by the countries of the G-7, a significant decrease in occupancy levels for all destinations in Quintana Roo as well as a lowering in the air traffic operations.

Provisions of the National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH), museums and archaeological sites around the country, starting today will remain closed until further notice.

The authorities of the State of Quintana Roo, as recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO) has called citizens and tourists to avoid concentrations of more than 80 people indoors, so consequently a large number of establishments, between clubs and restaurants are out of service temporarily.

Theme parks across the state are maintained in their normal operating hours are used, since all these activities operate in open spaces. The shopping malls are operating as usual as well the marinas.

The state government maintains a constant monitoring of the health of citizens and tourists and is prepared to act if necessary.

The Mexican Caribbean tourist destinations have not so far submitted any cases of swine influenza among visitors and workers in the tourism industry.