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Dear Flight Attendants,

It's been a while since I've posted a hotel update and I wanted to share the latest news regarding our crew hotels.

Testing while in SYD and Sydney Boulevard Hotel

I will start with some great news regarding our SYD layovers. I have just received information that starting with today's departing crew, the SYD quarantine requirements are changing. There are new procedures in place beginning today. All crews departing HNL for SYD will still be required to take a covid test prior to leaving HNL and vaccination requirements for all crew will remain the same.

You must be fully vaccinated to work flights to SYD. Upon arrival in SYD, all crew will be required to take a rapid antigen covid test which will be issued to you by our transportation company in SYD. You will take the test in your room, and you will receive the results within 30 minutes. All crew will now be required to take this test regardless of the length of your layover.

Please be advised that there is an added step that we must take before we are allowed to leave the hotel in SYD. After you receive your negative test result and you have taken a photo with your smart phone, you must stop by the front desk to show them your negative test result and you will then be allowed to leave the hotel and move freely in SYD.

It's very important that you understand that you may not leave your room until you've received your negative test result. Be sure to take your phone with you should you leave the hotel to produce your negative test result should you be randomly asked by the authorities there.

Our contract with the Sydney Boulevard Hotel has expired and the hotel has undergone a management change which is adding challenges to our working relationship with this property. We are aware that crews are being placed in the city view rooms and we are working with the hotel to return our crew to the quieter harbor view rooms.

The hotel committee is planning to travel to SYD soon to look at other hotel options there, but we are hampered by the quarantine restrictions for non-working airline crew. We are hopeful that these restrictions will be lifted soon. One last thing regarding SYD. It is common for flight attendants working SYD trips to bring along a spouse or loved one on the layover, especially the 4-day trip but until the current travel restrictions are lifted, this is still prohibited. Only working crew can travel to SYD at this current time.

Change to LAX roll time

Starting on Wednesday, December 22nd, rolling time from the LAX Marriott Hotel will change from 1:50 to 1:35 prior to scheduled departure for ALL LAX departures. That should come as good news to those of you that work flight #1 from LAX to HNL. You will now have 15 extra minutes to sleep!

LAS Huntleigh Transportation

I receive numerous reports from crew who are forced to wait for the shuttle van to take you to the Westin Hotel. This seems to happen quite frequently, and management is aware of the challenges there. As is happening all over the country, the Huntleigh transportation company has had a lot of turnover due to the pandemic and they are finding it difficult to keep adequate staffing levels resulting in pick up delays. Unfortunately for us, there really aren't any better alternatives for us in Las Vegas regarding transportation companies. If your shuttle is not waiting for you upon arrival in LAS, please call the Huntleigh dispatcher at (702) 261-5107 and, please submit a report using the Crew Connex App.

Residence Inn JFK

I periodically receive reports from crew that your rooms are not ready upon arrival at this property and yet we receive assurances from the hotel that these are very rare occurrences. If you or anyone on your crew are forced to wait for your room upon arrival there, please write this up using the Crew Connex App.

And speaking of the Crew Connex App....

As always, if you wish to write up anything regarding hotels or transportation either negative or positive, please use the feedback feature on the Crew Connex app. For more information on how to download and use the Crew Connex App, [please click here](#)! You all are our eyes and ears, and we can't resolve problems if we don't hear about them. PLEASE write things up! We read all of your reports!

And finally.....

On behalf of the MEC Hotel Committee, we would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy and safe New Year!

Mahalo!

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