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The Ministry of Health and Human Services (MHHS) extends its regrets and sympathies to the family of an elderly woman who died yesterday, January 25, 2022 at Belau National Hospital. This individual had been an in-patient at Belau National Hospital, receiving care for a severe pneumonia-related bacterial infection, which has been ruled as the cause of death.

Although the patient recently contracted COVID-19, an infectious disease specialist determined that it was not the cause of death. MHHS appeals to the community to treat each other with kindness and respect as we navigate this health challenge together.

We thank you for your continued support to our nation's response efforts.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the MHHS EOC Incident Commander Ms. Ritter Udui at 775-0084. For all other COVID-19 related information, call the MHHS COVID-19 Hotline at 488-0555.