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UPDATE – TWENTY- FOUR (24) INITIAL CLOSE CONTACTS TEST NEGATIVE ON DAYS 1 AND 3, ADDITIONAL CLOSE CONTACTS TEST NEGATIVE ON DAY 1

The Ministry of Health and Human Services (MHHS) would like to update the public that further investigation revealed two more close contacts of the individuals who tested positive¹ of COVID-19 on August 20, 2021, which brings the total of close contacts² to twenty-six (26).

- The initial twenty-four (24) close contacts had tested negative on Binax antigen and PCR GeneXpert on day 1. They have been tested again on day 3, and their results are negative.
- The other two close contacts were also tested using Binax antigen and PCR GeneXpert on their day 1 testing, and their results were also negative. They will be tested again on day 3.
- All close contacts remain in quarantine for a total of ten (10) days from last exposure.

MHHS continues to monitor the situation and will update the public as new information becomes available.

Again, the public is advised to remain calm and to continue the following preventive measures:

- Get vaccinated
- Wash your hands frequently
- Wear a mask as appropriate
- Consider limiting large indoor gatherings and practice physical distancing, 3-6 feet apart
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and spaces
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Stay home, away from others and call the Hospital for advice if you are sick

We continue to thank the community for its support and understanding.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the MHHS Incident Commander, Ms. Ritter Udui (775-0084) or the Deputy Incident Commander/Liaison Officer, Mr. Gaafar Uherbelau at 775-1310.

¹ Per protocol, all identified positive cases of COVID-19 are isolated for 10 days, and tested on day 1 and 10.

² Per protocol, all close contacts of positive cases of COVID-19, are quarantined for 10 days, and tested on day 1, 3, and 10.