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ONE TRAVELER TESTS POSITIVE OF COVID-19

Of the ninety-three (93) inbound travelers¹ who arrived on September 5, 2021, one (1) tested positive of COVID-19 on day 5. Additional tests including PCR GeneXpert and Abbot ID confirmed results. Per protocol, the traveler was immediately placed in isolation and contact tracing and investigation of close contacts has already been initiated by the Bureau of Public Health personnel. You will be contacted if investigation reveals that you have been in close contact with said individual. Close contact means you were within 6 feet from a person for at least a total of 15 minutes.

We understand the public's concerns, and we ask for understanding and cooperation as the Bureau of Public Health continues its work. MHHS will provide updates as information becomes available.

The following actions should be taken to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in the community:

- Get vaccinated
 - If you have not received your COVID-19 vaccine
 - Get your second dose if you missed it
 - Ask your doctor if you qualify for a third dose because you have a weakened immune system
- Wash your hands frequently and properly
- Wear your mask as appropriate; dispose of masks properly
- Consider limiting large indoor gatherings and maintain physical distance (3-6 ft)
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Cover your coughs and sneezes, throw away used tissues properly
- Stay home and away from others if you are sick and call the Hospital for advice

Once again, we thank the community for its support to all COVID-19 response activities.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the MHHS EOC Incident Commander Ms. Ritter Udui at 775-0084 or the MHHS EOC Deputy Incident Commander, Mr. Gaafar Uherbelau at 775-1310. For other COVID-19 related information, call the MHHS COVID-19 Hotline at 488-0555.

¹ All 93 travelers had all tested negative on day 1.