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FORTY-TWO (42) CLOSE CONTACTS IDENTIFIED FOR THE THREE (3) POSITIVE CASES OF COVID-19

The Ministry of Health and Human Services (MHHS) is informing the public that initial contact tracing and investigation revealed forty-two (42) close contacts of the three (3) individuals who tested positive of COVID-19 today, October 8, 2021. All close contacts were tested with the Binax antigen, and their results were negative. They are currently in quarantine and will undergo further testing on day 5 and 10.

The Bureau of Public Health will continue to monitor the situation and inform the public as appropriate. You may still be contacted if further investigation reveals that you have been in close contact with the positive cases. Close contact means you were within 6 feet from a person for about 15 minutes.

MHHS urges everyone to remain calm and take appropriate actions to minimize the potential spread of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases in the community. At this time, public services including schools and government offices and facilities will continue to operate as usual.

We continue to thank everyone for the support and commitment to keeping Palau safe.

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 during regular working hours.