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UPDATES ON TESTING, QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION IN PALAU

MHHS identifies two additional cases of COVID-19 related to travel

The Ministry of Health and Human Services (MHHS) informs the public of the following updates on testing, quarantine and isolation¹ in Palau:

- One of the cases of COVID-19 identified on December 27, 2021 and twelve (12) of his close contacts who tested negative on day 5 (January 1, 2022) have left the country.
- One of the close contacts (of Dec 27 positive case) tested negative on day 10 (January 3, 2022) in quarantine. He has been cleared and released from quarantine.
- Seventy-six (76) travelers who arrived on December 31, 2021 received their day 4 tests on January 3, 2022. Two (2) of these travelers tested positive of COVID-19 (referred to as Case #14 and Case #15²). These travelers have been placed in isolation before undergoing further testing on days 5 and 10. Contact tracing and investigation revealed one (1) close contact. This individual has been placed in quarantine and will undergo testing on days 5 and 10.

MHHS continues to monitor these situations and will update the public as appropriate. MHHS reminds everyone to continue to take appropriate actions to minimize the potential spread of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases in the community.

We thank all guests and residents for your support in 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. For other COVID-19 related information, call the MHHS COVID-19 Hotline at 488-0555 during regular working hours.

¹ Positive cases and close contacts may have different periods of isolation and quarantine, and therefore will have different testing dates.

² MHHS will start number positive cases of COVID-19 for ease of reference.