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MHHS UPDATES ON COVID-19 CASES AND CLOSE CONTACTS

The Ministry of Health and Human Services (MHHS) would like to inform the public of the following updates on testing, quarantine and isolation of identified cases of COVID-19 and close contacts:

- The individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 on August 20, 2021 remain in isolation. For these initial cases, MHHS is using US CDC’s test-based criteria for releasing COVID-19 cases from isolation. These criteria require two negative COVID-19 test results at least twenty-four (24) hours apart. Isolation of these two cases continue until the criteria is met.

- Of the twenty-six close contacts for the two individuals who tested positive of COVID-19 on August 20, 2021:
  - Twenty-two of these close contacts have been cleared of self-quarantine requirements after testing negative of COVID-19 on days 1, 3, and 10.
  - Four (4) of these individuals remain in self-quarantine pending day 10 testing.

- Repeated confirmatory tests (antigen and PCR) revealed that the individual who was initially identified as a probable case of COVID-19 on August 29, 2021 is currently negative of COVID-19. The individual has been released from isolation, placed into the standard restriction of movement (ROM) for inbound travelers and will undergo final testing on day 5.

MHHS continues to thank all residents and guests for their support and commitment in keeping our community safe.

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