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MHHS UPDATES ON TESTING, QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION IN PALAU

The Ministry of Health and Human Services (MHHS) would like to inform the public of the following updates on testing, quarantine and isolation of in-bound travelers:

- Both individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 on August 20, 2021 have been released from isolation after two negative tests at least 24 hours apart. Only one of the close contacts remains in self-quarantine pending day 10 testing.

- All travelers who arrived on August 29, 2021 tested negative of COVID-19 on their day 5. They have been cleared of all quarantine and testing requirements.

- Ninety-three (93) in-bound travelers who arrived on September 5, 2021 all tested negative of COVID-19 on their day 1 testing conducted at the Palau International Airport. They have been released into restriction of movement (ROM) before undergoing final testing on day 5. MHHS kindly reminds all travelers on ROM to wear their masks at all times and maintain distance from vulnerable persons, particularly unvaccinated children under 12 years of age, the elderly and other individuals with weakened immune systems.

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.