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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:

- The other close contact who tested positive of COVID-19 on September 15, 2021 has been released from isolation after two negative COVID-19 test results 24 hours apart. At this time, there are no active cases of COVID-19 in Palau.
- Fifty-four (54) individuals in the community participated in a random COVID-19 testing during the emergency preparedness fair on September 24, 2021. All results were negative.
- One hundred and forty-nine (149) in-bound travelers who arrived on September 26, 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 and wrist bands at all times, follow other mandates on the ROM orders, and maintain physical distance from others, particularly vulnerable persons, unvaccinated children under 12 years of age, the elderly and other individuals with weakened immune systems. Community members are also asked to support these regulations (i.e., avoid close physical contact and/or wear masks indoors with individuals on ROM).

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

We will provide updates as more information becomes available. 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 all other COVID-19 related information, call the MHHS COVID-19 Hotline at 488-0555 during regular working hours.