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MHHS UPDATES ON TESTING, QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION IN PALAU

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

- Nine (9) of the forty-two (42) close contacts left the country on October 11, 2021 after testing negative of COVID-19. They were advised to take precautionary measures and follow relevant state recommendations for fully vaccinated individuals, including getting tested 3-5 days after travel.
- The three (3) identified cases of COVID-19 and thirty-three (33) close contacts are being monitored in isolation and quarantine before undergoing further testing on day 5 and 10.
- Forty-five (45) in-bound travelers who arrived today, October 12, 2021, tested negative on day 1 of testing conducted at 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 the public for its support, and will provide more information as it 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.