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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 in Palau:

• Twenty-seven passengers and seven crew arrived on November 15, 2021 on a chartered flight (Cambodia Airways) from Macau. All passengers and crew\(^1\) are fully vaccinated and had tested negative three days prior to departure and on day 1 upon arrival 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).

• Forty-four (44) individuals participated in community testing for COVID-19 conducted in Melekeok (NOV 15). All results were negative.

MHHS continues to thank all guests and residents for their support and commitment.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the MHHS EOC Incident Commander Ms. Ritter Udui at 775-0084. For all other COVID-19 related information, call the MHHS COVID-19 Hotline at 488-0555 during regular working hours.

\(^1\) The crew has already left the country.