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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:

- Six (6) in-bound travelers, including residents and essential workers, who arrived on December 25, 2021, tested negative on day 4 (December 29, 2021) of testing conducted at Belau National Hospital. They have been cleared of all testing and ROM requirements.
- One hundred and ninety-two (192) Ministry of Health and Human Services (MHHS) employees and other frontline workers participated in community testing conducted at Belau National Hospital and the Health Information & Resource Center. All results were negative.
- Two travelers who arrived on December 24, 2021, and placed in a 14-day quarantine, received their day 7 tests on December 30, 2021. Their results were negative. They remain in mandatory quarantine before undergoing final testing on day 14.
(Note: These two travelers were placed in a 14-day mandatory quarantine to fulfill vaccination requirements.)
- Of the 47 close contacts for the two positive cases identified on December 27, 2021:
 - One (1) tested negative on day 5 testing on December 29, 2021, and will remain in mandatory quarantine before undergoing final testing on day 10.
 - Nine (9) tested negative on day 5 of testing on December 30, 2021, and will remain in mandatory quarantine before undergoing final testing on day 10.
 - The other thirty-seven (37) remain in quarantine and will undergo day 5 testing on December 31 and January 1.

(Note: Close contacts have different periods of quarantine, based on their date of last exposure to the positive cases, and therefore will have different testing dates.)

MHHS is actively monitoring the situation and will update the public as appropriate. MHHS reminds everyone to continue to take appropriate actions to minimize the potential spread of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases in the community.

We continue to thank all guests and residents for your support in all COVID-19 response activities.

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