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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:

- Ninety-two (92) in-bound travelers who arrived on December 27, 2021, tested negative on day 4 (December 30, 2021) of testing conducted at Belau National Hospital. They have been cleared of all testing and ROM requirements.

- One (1) of the positive cases of COVID-19 identified on December 27, 2021 tested negative on day 5 (December 31, 2021) in isolation. This individual will remain in isolation before undergoing further testing on day 10. Nineteen close contacts also received their day 5 tests on December 31, 2021, and all their results were negative. They remain in quarantine before undergoing further testing on day 10.

(Note: Positive cases and close contacts have different periods of isolation and quarantine and therefore will have different testing dates.)

MHHS continues to monitor these situations 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 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.