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TWO CLOSE CONTACTS TEST POSITIVE OF COVID-19 ON DAY 5 OF QUARANTINE

The Ministry of Health and Human Services (MHHS) would like to inform the public that the one (1) individual who tested positive of COVID-19 on September 10, 2021 and identified close contacts1 received their day 5 tests today while in isolation and quarantine.

- Two (2) of the seven (7) close contacts tested positive of COVID-19. Additional tests including PCR GeneXpert and Abbott ID have confirmed positive results. These individuals have been placed in isolation for an additional 10 days and will undergo further testing and monitoring. Bureau of Public Health personnel continues contact tracing and investigation of close contacts of these individuals.

- Five (5) of the seven (7) close contacts tested negative and will remain under quarantine before undergoing further testing on their day 10.

- The initial positive case tested negative and will remain in isolation before undergoing further testing on day 10.

The public is urged to maintain the following preventive measures:

- Get vaccinated
  - If you have not received your COVID-19 vaccine
  - Get your second dose if you missed it
  - Ask your doctor if you qualify for a third dose because you have a weakened immune system
- Wash your hands frequently and properly
- Wear your mask as appropriate; dispose of masks properly
- Consider limiting large indoor gatherings and maintain physical distance (3-6 ft)
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Cover your coughs and sneezes, throw away used tissues properly
- Stay home and away from others if you are sick and call the Hospital for advice

MHHS will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as more information becomes available.

We thank the community for its support and commitment to 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 or the MHHS EOC Deputy Incident Commander, Mr. Gaafar Uherbelau at 775-1310.

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1 There were 8 close contacts of the positive case identified on September 10, 2021. One of them has left the country.