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UPDATED COVID-19 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAVELERS TO PALAU

The Ministry of Health and Human Services (MHHS) would like to inform the public of the following updated guidelines consistent with Public Health Directive 27-21 for travelers entering the Republic of Palau via air or water vessels:

- **PRE-ARRIVAL COVID-19 TESTING** – As stated in Public Health Directive 27-21, all travelers are required to provide valid negative PCR COVID-19 test results taken within three (3) days of departure to Palau or proof of COVID-19 recovery if previously infected with COVID-19. Children under three (3) years old are exempt from this pre-arrival testing requirement; however, all passengers are subject to the 2 tests after arrival in Palau.
- **PROOF OF FULL COVID-19 VACCINATION** – Consistent with Public Health Directive 27-21, travelers must provide proof of complete vaccination of a WHO or US FDA approved or authorized COVID-19 vaccine with final dose at least fourteen (14) days prior to arrival in Palau, or enter pursuant to Section 1(c) of the Public Health Directive (Entry for Residents of Authorized Jurisdiction Under Special Conditions).
- **MANDATORY DAY 1 AND DAY 5 COVID-19 TESTING** – All inbound travelers shall be subject to Mitigation Orders that include undergo mandatory COVID-19 testing on the first (1st) and fifth (5th) day following arrival in Palau. Testing shall occur at the Belau National Hospital between 8:00am – 10:30am. COVID-19 testing cost is \$30.50 per test.
- **RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT (ROM)/SELF-QUARANTINE FOR FIVE (5) DAYS** – All travelers shall be subject to Mitigation Orders that include self-monitoring their health, and restricting movement to only essential travel (i.e., seeking medical attention, grocery shopping, banking, etc.) or following their Authorized Jurisdiction's Special Conditions. Travelers are advised to avoid large crowds, use preventive measures (i.e., handwashing), and wear a face mask at all times during the ROM period.

Pursuant to Title 34, Palau National Code and MHHS Rules & Regulations for Isolation & Quarantine of Contagious Diseases, any violation of these requirements shall be subject to a fine of \$500 and/or up to one year imprisonment.

MHHS continues to thank the community for its support to all COVID-19 response activities. If you have any questions or need further information on these entry requirements, please contact the MHHS EOC Incident Commander Ms. Ritter Udui at 775-0084 or the MHHS Deputy Incident Commander/Liaison Officer, Mr. Gaafar Uherbelau at 775-1310.