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MOH ORDERS ALTERNATIVE QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS FOR 125 MILITARY PERSONNEL

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The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform the public that 125 military troops arrived in Palau on September 5th and 7th, and placed under alternative quarantine orders in the State of Angaur.

These travelers completed a pre-travel process of quarantine or “restriction of movement” within the U.S. Military system, tested negative of COVID-19 prior to departure, and traveled directly to Angaur, Palau via military transport, which does not share the “high-risk” characteristics of civilian transport. Furthermore, they will be under mandatory quarantine in a facility isolated from local residents in Angaur, and their movements restricted to the quarantine site and the airfield until their departure on September 8, 2020.

MOH would like to remind the people of Angaur and the rest of Palau to observe these requirements and to keep away from all quarantine sites. While we have yet to identify a confirmed COVID-19 case in Palau, MOH continues to urge the public to practice preventive measures. These measures not only prevent COVID-19 but also other infectious diseases.

If you have any questions or need further information on quarantine or testing for COVID-19, please contact the MOH EOC Deputy Incident Commander/Liaison Officer, Mr. Gaafar Uherbelau at 775-1310.