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### UPDATES ON TESTING AND QUARANTINE IN PALAU

**March 23, 2021**

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to provide the public with the following updates on testing and quarantine of individuals in Palau.

- Seven (7) essential workers who arrived on March 16, 2021 have received their COVID-19 day 7 tests, and all results were negative. They remain in mandatory quarantine for an additional week before undergoing further testing on days 14 and 21.
- Thirty-one (31) essential workers and returning residents arrived on March 22, 2021 from Guam. All travelers had submitted negative COVID-19 tests results seventy-two (72) hours prior to arrival. Thirty (30) of these travelers will undergo mandatory quarantine for 14 days, and COVID-19 testing on days 7, 14 and 21.
- One (1) of the essential workers, who has completed full COVID-19 vaccination, has modified quarantine orders to allow him to perform critical tasks for the Republic of Palau. This traveler was tested negative (antigen and PCR) on day 1 and will remain in mandatory quarantine for five (5) days. He will be tested again on day 5 and if negative, the individual will then be placed under restriction of movement (ROM) for seven (7) days and shall only travel between the quarantine facility and place of work, with no contact with other persons while performing his duties.

MOH continues to thank the community for its support to all COVID-19 response activities.

If you have any questions or need further information on quarantine or testing for COVID-19, please contact the MOH EOC Deputy Incident Commander, Gaafar Uherbelau at 775-1310 or MOH EOC PIO Edolem Ikerdeu at 775-1138.