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### UPDATES ON TESTING AND QUARANTINE OF TRAVELERS FROM COVID-19 AFFECTED AREAS

**August 17, 2020**

The Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to provide the public with the following information on all quarantined individuals in the past couple of weeks:

- As of August 17, 2020, a total of 93 travelers from Guam, Philippines, and Taiwan have completed their mandatory quarantine and have been released after testing negative for COVID-19. These individuals will continue to self-monitor their symptoms and, based on their place of travel origin, may report back for final testing after a week.
- 6 individuals currently remain in mandatory quarantine and shall undergo COVID-19 testing on August 19, and if their results are negative, will be released to self-monitor for one week.

Current quarantine regulations mandate that all individuals traveling from COVID-19 affected areas are required a negative COVID-19 test result at least 72 hours prior to arrival in Palau. Passengers arriving from low-risk areas will be required a 7-day mandatory quarantine in a designated government facility, and tested for COVID-19 on days 1, 7, and 14. Passengers arriving from high-risk areas will be placed under mandatory quarantine for 14 days, and tested on days 7, 14, and 21.

If you have any questions or need further information on quarantine or testing for COVID-19, please contact the NEC EOC Liaison Officer, Ms. Sherilynn Madraisau at 775-3744, or the MOH EOC Deputy Incident Commander, Mr. Gaafar Uherbelau at 775-1310.