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UPDATES ON TESTING AND QUARANTINE IN PALAU

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

Thirty-three (33) medical referral patients and escorts, returning residents, and essential workers arrived from Taiwan on January 14, 2021. They had tested negative of COVID-19 within seventy-two hours (72) prior to arrival. They received their day 1 tests yesterday, January 15, 2021, and all results were negative.

These individuals will remain in mandatory quarantine in a government-designated facility for five (5) days¹, and will be tested again on days 5 and 14.

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, Mr. Gaafar Uherbelau at 775-1310.

¹ Per assessment and discussion with the Taiwan CDC and Ministry of Health, Palau has modified quarantine requirements for travellers coming in from Taiwan. Because there is no local transmission of COVID-19 in both countries, it was agreed upon that travellers to and from Taiwan will be mandated five (5) days of mandatory quarantine. After negative COVID-19 test results on day 5, they will be released from mandatory quarantine but will continue to self-monitor before undergoing final testing on day 14. (NOTE: This doesn't apply to transiting passengers.)