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HAWAII RESULTS NEGATIVE FOR COVID-19 PUI

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KEY POINTS:

- Hawaii State Lab COVID-19 test result for Palau's 1st **PERSON UNDER INVESTIGATION (PUI)** is **NEGATIVE**.
- MOH continues to urge the public to remain calm and to continue to practice basic preventive measures including **respiratory etiquettes – cover cough and sneeze with a clean tissue or your sleeve and hand hygiene - frequent handwashing with soap and warm water or hand rub with 70% alcohol-based sanitizer**.
- The public is also advised to stay home if they are sick, avoid those who are sick, and to only visit the BNH if seeking medical care.
- For more information call the **MOH Hotline at 488-0555**.

The Ministry of Health (MOH) is informing the public that on March 15, 2020 official results of COVID-19 confirmatory testing from Hawaii State Laboratory were received as **NEGATIVE**, confirming again that Palau's 1st Person Under Investigation (PUI) is cleared of the 2019 Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19).

The results are the same as the initial results received last week from ROC-Taiwan's Center for Disease Control and Shin Kong Hospital. The public is urged to remain vigilant with efforts to prevent infection and diseases. Everyone is urged to continue practicing preventive measures including proper hand-washing and coughing etiquettes, and to exercise self-observation of their health.

MOH will continue to monitor the COVID-19 outbreak and maintain screening and public health measures to limit the risk of import of COVID-19. If anyone should develop fever, cough, and breathing difficulties, call the **BNH Emergency Room at 488-2558** for further guidance. For general information about COVID-19, contact the **MOH Hotline at 488-0555**.