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MOH HAS TESTED OVER 600 INDIVIDUALS FOR COVID-19

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Ministry of Health (MOH) has tested a total of six hundred and forty (640) health care workers, first responders, essential services personnel, and various community members, including individuals who presented with influenza/COVID-19 like illnesses and community acquired pneumonia at Belau National Hospital. All results have been negative.

COVID-19 testing at Belau National Hospital now follows protocol, where any individual who presents with relevant symptoms may be tested, following doctor's orders.

MOH continues to urge the public to practice preventive measures including proper hand-washing and coughing/sneezing etiquette, cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces/objects, use of cloth face masks and staying away from others when sick.

If anyone should develop cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell, call your doctor or the **BNH Emergency Room at 488-2558** for further guidance. For general information about COVID-19, contact the **MOH Hotline at 488-0555**.

Thank you.