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UPDATES ON COVID-19 MITIGATION MEASURES & TRAVEL/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (EFFECTIVE JULY 9, 2022)

The Ministry of Health and Human Services informs the public that due to widespread uptake of vaccines, availability of effective therapeutics, and other tools to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the following updates to mitigation measures for travelers and the community **will take effect on July 9, 2022** for the Republic of Palau.

- All travelers are no longer required to show a negative COVID-19 test result or documentation of recovery from COVID-19, before entering the country. COVID-19 vaccination is still a requirement and travelers must submit proof of complete vaccination with final dose administered at least 14 days prior to departure to the Republic of Palau.
- Patients and visitors will no longer be tested of COVID-19 before entry at Belau National Hospital and all Community Health Centers unless they present with COVID-19 symptoms; however, a strict mask wearing policy remains in effect.
- Visiting hours at Belau National Hospital will resume, daily from 6pm to 7pm. Visitors must adhere to the mask wearing policy and may be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 upon entry. Faith-based organizations may also resume their visits during these hours. Each patient is allowed no more than 2 visitors and 1 attendant at any one time.

MHHS will continue to monitor the situation and may reinstate these measures as necessary to protect public health. We also remind everyone that we have tools to prevent and control COVID-19. Make sure that you are up to date with your vaccines, and if you are experiencing COVID symptoms, isolate yourself and get tested to protect yourself and others, including your loved ones.

If you need more information, please contact the MHHS COVID-19 Hotline at 488-0555.

Thank you.