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## **ALL ARRIVALS INTO NIUE'S MIQ FACILITIES RETURN NEGATIVE DAY ONE TESTS**

**Alofi, Niue – 22 February 2022** – The Government of Niue (GON) announced this afternoon that all 31 passengers who arrived on Monday, 21 February 2022, have tested negative on their Day 1 test as part of standard testing protocols.

The GON noted passengers' difficulties getting PCR test results in time due to the increased demand in New Zealand, where positive daily COVID numbers have surged to 3,297 today. GON would like to encourage travellers to go and pay for their tests to ensure results are returned in time.

As we advance, all passengers travelling to Niue will be required to take a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) test at Auckland Airport prior to departure. It is noted that on the Monday 21 February flight, a passenger tested positive with a RAT test and this person and close contact were both denied boarding the flight to Niue.

The MIQ isolation period for all arrivals to Niue remains at ten days; however, this will be revised in the coming weeks as Niue works toward quarantine free travel between New Zealand and Niue.

A team of five medical staff from Pasifika Futures arrived on yesterday's flight to provide support and training to Niue's frontline health team. They are currently in MIQ and will begin working with Niue's health team after MIQ.

The next COVID test for passengers will be on Thursday, 24 February. The general public is reminded that no visitors are permitted at the various MIQ locations until after all of those results are released.

The pediatric vaccination rollout was also completed today, with 95% of Niue's eligible children between the ages of 5 – 11 years receiving their first dose.

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For further information or any questions, please contact the DG of Ministry of Social Services, Gaylene Tasmania, [Gaylene.Tasmania@mail.gov.nu](mailto:Gaylene.Tasmania@mail.gov.nu) or the Secretary of Government on +683 4308 or email on [Niue.secgov@mail.gov.nu](mailto:Niue.secgov@mail.gov.nu).

### **About**

Pasifika Futures is a Whānau Ora Commissioning Agency that works with regionally-based providers and partners to build the capability and capacity of Pacific families in New Zealand. Pasifika Futures supports Pacific families to achieve their aspirations in health, housing, education, training and economic development.