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## **COVID-19: UPDATE ON NIUE'S FIRST CASE**

**Alofi, Niue – 17 March 2022** – The Government of Niue (GON) announced today that Niue's index (first positive) case of COVID-19 will have to complete a 14-day quarantine period, as per protocols for a positive case.

The close contact of the case will also remain in quarantine for a further period of time and monitored by health officials until cleared.

All other passengers who arrived on Monday 7 March have all returned Negative tests on Day 7 and Day 9 and will be released from quarantine on Thursday 17 March 2022.

All frontline staff, including airport workers, have also returned negative test results as per routine testing.

All members of the community who used the drive through testing service at Niue Foou Hospital, also returned negative results.

The GON's COVID Committee would like to reiterate to all Niue's residents to continue to prepare and remain vigilant. The Committee is committed to updating the Niue Emergency Response Plan to Coronavirus Disease 2020 (COVID-19) to ensure that health care providers, patients, and the people of Niue have the most recent information and best practice regarding the optimal management of COVID-19.

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