



OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

STATEMENT TO THE NATION CONFIRMED COVID CASE

8th March 2022

Fakaalofa lahi atu - Niue fekai,

This evening we detected our first case of COVID-19 that has arrived into our country.

This case arrived on Monday 7 March 2022 flight with 26 other passengers who all tested negative prior to departure.

The case is currently in quarantine and will be monitored closely by health officials.

The case is double vaccinated and boosted and had returned a negative PCR test 72 hours and RATs prior to boarding their flight from New Zealand.

Our extremely high vaccination rate is another factor in our favour, as it slows the spread of transmission and reduces the health impacts in those who do contract this virus.

As each new piece of information is gathered and confirmed, we will be keeping you all as up-to-date as possible.

All officials that are deemed to have come in close contact with the case are currently in isolation and will be closely monitored and tested according to protocol.

All other passengers have returned a negative COVID test but will be monitored and retested on Day 3 as per testing protocols.

We have expected this virus, we have prepared for it, and we are ready to contain its spread. We have remained vigilant; we have caught this case – and now I ask you to remain vigilant too.

As we all know, the best defence against this virus is by keeping calm, working together, and making use of all the health and safety precautions that we know make a real difference in protecting us all from Covid-19.

Our best defence along with wearing your mask, use your Rocksafe and keep up those good general hygiene habits.

Our National COVID Response will remain on Alert Level BLUE, because we have the ability to contain the virus in quarantine.

Fakaue lahi mahaki.