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NIUE CONFIRMS ACTIVE CASE OF COVID-19 REMAINS AT 1

Alofi, Niue – 10 March 2022 – The Government of Niue (GON) this evening confirms its active case of COVID-19 remains at 1.

The Premier of Niue, Hon. Dalton Tagelagi says the index case who arrived on Monday 7 March 2022 flight from New Zealand with 26 other passengers remains generally well.

"This case remains in MIQ and will continue to be monitored daily by health officials. The positive case remains, generally well," says Tagelagi.

As per Niue's testing protocols, all other passengers have again returned negative COVID tests on Day 3. Members of Niue's frontline staff have also returned negative COVID tests.

Premier Tagelagi says the GON understands that anxiety and stress levels may be higher than usual for many people concerned about COVID-19 arriving in Niue on Monday's flight.

"This is an entirely normal reaction and has been experienced all around the world. Please be assured that the GON has been preparing for this eventuality since COVID-19 first appeared, and all the best practice health and safety protocols have been followed. We continue to prepare ourselves to contain this virus in MIQ and prevent it from reaching our community."

As of yesterday, Niue's Department of Justice, Lands, Survey and Community Affairs officials have started handing out COVID hygiene packs for every household in Niue. These packs are for families to have in preparation for COVID-19 in the island's community and in addition to any other supplies people may have.

Premier Tagelagi observes that GON has maintained its focus on keeping the virus out of Niue, which has worked well for us for the past 2 years and kept Niue free from COVID.

"Niue remains vigilant; we have caught this case – and we will continue to monitor this situation very closely. We are confident we have the resources to manage this. Now our focus is for our case to complete their MIQ period when they will then be safe to re-join the community again,"

"I want to pass on my sincere and heartfelt thanks to our incredible officials and health team at Niue Fooo Hospital and all our other government departments and private sector who have been working tirelessly together to prevent or reduce COVID-19 and its effects."

Niue's National COVID Response will remain on Alert Level BLUE because the island has had the ability to contain the virus in quarantine which has always been part of the GONs plan.

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