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NIUE CONFIRMS ITS FIRST POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE

Alofi, Niue – 8 March 2022 – Tonight, the Government of Niue (GON) announced it had detected its first case of COVID-19 that arrived on the island.

The Premier of Niue, Hon. Dalton Tagelagi says this first case arrived on Monday 7 March 2022 flight from New Zealand with 26 other passengers who tested negative prior to departure.

“The positive case is currently in quarantine and will be monitored closely by Niue’s health officials. We understand at this stage that the positive case is double vaccinated and boosted and had returned a negative PCR test 72 hours and RATs before boarding their flight from New Zealand,” says Tagelagi

Premier Tagelagi adds that Niue’s extremely high vaccination rate is another factor in the island’s favour.

“Niue has been very fortunate to date with our COVID programme and vaccination roll-out to be possibly the only country in the world without the virus. Luckily with almost all of Niue’s eligible population vaccinated, this has slowed the spread of COVID transmission and will reduce the health impacts in those who may contract this virus.”

Premier Tagelagi says that as each new piece of information is gathered and confirmed; GON will be keeping everyone on Niue and its neighbours in New Zealand and the Pacific region as up-to-date as possible.

Any officials deemed to have come in close contact with the positive case are currently in isolation and will be closely monitored and tested according to Niue’s COVID protocols.

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,” says Premier Tagelagi.

“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.”

GON reminds all residents of Niue that the best defence and wearing a mask, using the Rocksafes for contact tracing, and keeping up good general hygiene habits.



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Niue's National COVID Response team will remain on Alert Level BLUE, because Niue has had the ability to contain the virus in quarantine.

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