



OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

STATEMENT TO THE NATION COVID-19: NIUE'S ACTIVE CASE OF COVID-19 REMAINS AT 1

10 March 2022

Fakaalofa lahi atu – Niue fekai,

As of this evening, I can confirm that Niue's active case of COVID-19 remains at 1.

This active case remains in MIQ and will continue to be monitored daily by health officials.

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.

We understand that anxiety and stress levels may be higher than usual for many people with concerns 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 Government of Niue have been preparing for this eventuality since COVID-19 first appeared and all the best practice health & safety protocols have been followed.

We continue to prepare ourselves to contain this virus in MIQ and prevent it reaching our community. As of yesterday the Department of Justice, Lands, Survey and Community Affairs officials have started handing our household COVID hygiene packs for every household in Niue. These packs are for your household to have in preparation for COVID-19 in our community and in addition to any other supplies you may have.

We have remained vigilant; we have caught these cases – and we will continue to monitor this situation very closely.

Our focus on keeping the virus out of Niue has worked well for us for the past 2 years and kept us free from COVID. We are confident we have the resources to manage this. Our focus is for our cases to complete their MIQ period when they will be safe to re-join the community again.

This is a time for us to respect what our officials are doing to ensure that Niue is safe. We need to be kind, look after one another, and not ridicule or make assumptions about anyone during this critical time.

I want to pass on my sincere and heartfelt thanks to our incredible officials and health team at Niue Ffoo 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.

Our National COVID Response will remain on Alert Level BLUE, because we have had the ability to contain the virus in quarantine which has always been part of our plan.

Thank you all for playing your part in helping to protect Niue from COVID-19 mo e kia monuina.

God bless and take care,