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NIUE CONFIRMS FIRST POSITIVE COMMUNITY CASES

Alofi, Niue – 28 June 2022 – Yesterday afternoon, Niue welcomed its first quarantine-free travel flight. Tonight, the Government of Niue (GON) announces it has detected five new cases of COVID-19 as part of day 1 mandatory testing for newly arriving passengers.

The Hon. Minister of Social Services, Sauni Tongatule stated, “All 118 passengers who arrived complied with entry requirements mandated under Niue Law.”

“The positive cases and their close contacts are currently in isolation and will be monitored closely by Niue’s health officials. Contact tracing began immediately after the cases were identified and will continue until all close contacts identified.”

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

Tongatule says that as each new piece of information is gathered and confirmed, our priority is to keep our people informed.

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

Tongatule stated, “We have expected this virus, we have prepared for it, and we are ready to contain its spread. We have caught these cases through our day 1 testing – and now I ask the people of Niue to remain vigilant.”

“As we all know, the best defence against this virus is to work together and use 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 is to practice good hygiene. We also remind businesses and the public that using Rocksafe or some other form of contact tracing is mandatory. This is the best way we can immediately notify you if you have been in contact with a positive case.

Niue’s National COVID Response is now on Alert Level Yellow because local cases exist in Niue, the cases are currently contained, and there has been no community transmission.

As always, the public needs to be prepared for rapid changes in alert levels and stay tuned to official government announcements.

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