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COVID-19 UPDATE: 2 NEW COVID-19 BORDER CASES

Alofi, Niue – 16 July 2022 – Yesterday, the Government of Niue (GON) confirmed two new border cases of COVID-19. This brings the total active cases to 6.

The Government of Niue also announced the Niue Fook Hospital was identified as a location of interest. Further information regarding locations of interest can be found on the COVID-19 website (<https://covid19.gov.nu/index.php/locations-of-interest/>).

Gaylene Tasmania, Acting Secretary to Government and Director General of the Ministry of Social Services, said, “Contact tracing began immediately after the case was detected, and all close contacts associated with the case have been identified. The case and the close contacts are currently in isolation as per Niue’s strict COVID-19 protocols and will be monitored closely by Niue’s health officials.”

“Some close contacts identified are staff members at Niue Fook Hospital. All close contacts have been stood down and are currently undertaking self-isolation. They will be regularly tested and return to work when given medical clearance.”

“The hospital remains open, and those needing medical attention are encouraged to continue to utilise the Hospital. We remind the public to not present at the hospital if they are experiencing COVID symptoms but rather to remain home and ring the Niue Fook Hospital at 4100. The locations of interest have been updated and will continue to be regularly updated on the government COVID website.”

“We have expected that the virus and we are well-prepared for it. As soon as a new case is identified, public health measures are put in place, including contact tracing and isolation.”

GON reminds all residents that we must work together to protect each other from COVID-19. There are measures we can all take to keep each other safe:

- Practice good hygiene – regularly wash your hands or use hand sanitiser and cough or sneeze into your elbows
- Use RockSafe or some other form of contact tracing
- Wear a mask in indoor public spaces and maintain physical distancing
- If you start to develop any COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home, and call Niue Fook Hospital on 4100
- Stock up on PPE and other resources in preparation for any alert level change
- Information on how to self-isolate and other useful resources are available on the government’s official website: <https://covid19.gov.nu/index.php/how-to-self-isolate/>.

Tasmania added that Niue’s extremely high vaccination rate is a factor in the island’s favour.

Niue’s National COVID Response remains at Alert Level Yellow because there is no community transmission, and all known cases are currently in isolation.

There is little risk to the public, but everyone needs to be prepared for rapid changes in alert levels and stay tuned to official government announcements. Follow www.covid19.gov.nu for updates.

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