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NIUE TO MOVE BACK TO COVID ALERT LEVEL YELLOW

Alofi, Niue – 10 August 2022 – Today, the Government of Niue (GON) announced that effective from 6 pm tonight, Niue’s National COVID Response will move back to COVID Alert Yellow. There is currently no community transmission of COVID-19 in Niue, and all active cases are contained in isolation.

No new COVID-19 cases have been detected as part of community transmission since 30 July 2022. Additionally, with the results from the nationwide RATS test campaign, we are confident there is no active community transmission allowing us to move back to Alert Code Yellow.

Director General for Social Services Gaylene Tasmania said, “COVID is still in Niue and is contained. The Niue Health Department and other partners have worked hard to contain this community outbreak and will do so if future outbreaks occur.”

“We continue to ask everyone to monitor themselves for COVID like symptoms. If you experience COVID symptoms, stay home and ring Niue Fook Hospital at 4100.”

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

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
- 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/>.

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For further information or any questions, please contact the DG of the Ministry of Social Services, Gaylene Tasmania, Gaylene.Tasmania@mail.gov.nu or the Secretary of Government at +683 4308 or email on Niue.secgov@mail.gov.nu.

Follow the official GON COVID-19 Website: www.covid19.gov.nu and the Official GON Facebook for information: <https://www.facebook.com/niue.secgov>

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS:

Common symptoms of COVID-19 are like those found with illnesses such as a cold or influenza. They include:

- new or worsening cough
- sneezing and runny nose
- fever
- temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- fatigue/feeling of tiredness.

Less common symptoms of COVID-19 may include diarrhoea, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, malaise, chest pain, abdominal pain, joint pain or confusion/irritability. These almost always occur with one or more of the common symptoms.