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NO COMMUNITY COVID-19 CASES DETECTED AS NIUE CONDUCTS COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) CAMPAIGN IN LIGHT OF COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION

On Saturday, 6 August Niue carried out a community-wide COVID-19 RAT campaign.

Alofi, Niue – 8 August 2022 – The Government of Niue (GON) announced that all Niue’s residents were encouraged to undertake a COVID-19 RAT test.

Gaylene Tasmania, GON Director General of Social Services says, “the campaign’s overall aim was to identify any undetected cases in the community and to isolate them in a timely fashion. The one-time community-wide asymptomatic testing aimed to capture as much of the population as possible. This was voluntary, and we were hoping for a good turnout, and that’s exactly what happened”.

“We are very pleased with the campaign, which resulted in 78% of the total population participating. The campaign saw 1,246 Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) undertaken from a total resident population of 1606. We are also pleased that all returned negative results. We also used this opportunity for outreach, and by showing families how to carry out the test themselves, they can do this more often or as necessary. We are so grateful to everyone who participated as we need all communities to work together to effect change”.

“We believe that this information will help provide the Government with additional indications of whether Niue should remain in Alert Code RED or move to a different setting. Our first community transmission cases have recovered, and we expect more to recover in the next few weeks”.

Niue’s COVID-19 RAT Campaign took place between 9.00 am to 1.00 pm on Saturday, 6 August and was conducted in partnership with the respective Village Councils of the 14 Villages across the island.

Tasmania says the only exceptions to the Survey were–

- Children under the age of 3
- Active cases
- Those cases who have received clearance on 7 August
- Active close contacts
 - Close contacts who have come out of isolation prior to the 7 August are required to undertake the RAT
- **NOTE: Active cases and active close contacts should be in isolation**

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