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COVID UPDATE – NEW CASES OF COVID 19

22 November 2022 – Alofi, Niue – Two (2) new cases of COVID-19 were detected at Niue Fooou Hospital yesterday, Monday, 21 November, during Outpatient Clinic. The two cases have not travelled recently and have yet to be directly linked to passengers from recent flights.

Contact tracing was also initiated yesterday afternoon and all identified close contacts are in isolation. The new cases are known to have attended the memorial service held at the Apostolic Church in Alofi on Monday. Those who also attended should monitor themselves daily for COVID-19 symptoms or take a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) daily for the next three (3) days.

The investigation into the sources of infection for these new cases will continue but health officials are confident that these are border linked cases.

The public are reminded to follow preventative measures and if anyone experiences COVID symptoms, please get tested either by taking a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) at home, or visit the Niue Fooou Hospital. Mask wearing in indoor public places is encouraged, but it is mandatory when visiting the Niue Fooou Hospital.

Residents who are also intending to travel, are reminded to wear a mask on the flight from Auckland to Niue, and do not travel if you are unwell. This will minimize any spread of the virus among passengers on the same flight.

The total number of active cases currently on Island is 15. For more information, please visit www.covid-19.gov.nu

Thank you all for your cooperation and support.

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