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## **GON ANNOUNCES SHORTER STAYS IN MIQ**

**Alofi, Niue – 10 November 2021** – The Government of Niue (GON) has indicated its intention to reduce MIQ in Niue from 14 days to 10 days, based on risk assessment information about the Delta variant, which has a shorter incubation period. Cabinet will determine a commencement date in the coming weeks.

GON has been following the New Zealand Government's Covid Response and understands that from 14 November, MIQ in NZ will be reduced to 7 days with an additional 3 days home isolation.

Niue's response to the Delta variant has included the introduction of mandatory testing in-country for all incoming passengers. Testing will continue and be adjusted to suit the shorter MIQ period.

Premier of Niue, Hon. Dalton Tagelagi says that this is a significant change to Niue's COVID-19 Response Plan.

"As New Zealand is now responding very quickly to how best to manage COVID-19, Niue is also making changes to our MIQ system. These changes are not a copy of NZ's MIQ procedures but rather a tailored alignment for Niue based on the science and risk assessment with the appropriate MIQ duration for the island and its residents," says Premier Tagelagi.

"Niue's eligible population is over 98% vaccinated, which gives us the confidence to reduce MIQ from 14 days to 10 days. We ask returning passengers and residents to be patient while the GON COVID-19 committee prepares to make the transition over the next coming weeks," Hon. Dalton Tagelagi adds.

The Immigration Amendment Act 2021 has been enacted as the only legal basis for entry into Niue. These requirements make it mandatory to be fully vaccinated and return a negative pre-departure COVID-19 test within 72 hours of departing New Zealand.

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